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by Thomas C. Cooper

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There is no shortage of theology books, and I've read a fair share, some of my own will and more because I was involved in some business related to education and then to life at Boston College that required the reading; and while a good number of those treatises have influenced me, none, I believe, did more to shape me as a dogged bar stool theologian than *Picture Stories From the Bible: The Old Testament in Full Color Comic Strip Form*, a large format soft-cover volume that fell into my hands—I don't remember how—when I was a boy, and in which I believe I read every day of my very young life until such as *Old Yeller* and *The Wind In the Willows* replaced the works of the Ineffable as my favorite reading matter.

The chapters comprising *Picture Stories* were first published as separately bound comics in the early 1940s, a time when comic books were viewed in some quarters as videogames are today—a sign that our young people were descending into depraved idiocy. *Picture Stories*' publisher and editor—who would subsequently release a New Testament volume as well as cartoon collections illustrating important moments in science and American history—was listed as "M.C. Gaines," which was one of several nom de plumes used by the prolific Maxwell Ginsburg, who is generally and fairly referred to as "the man who invented the comic book."

Beginning in the early 1930s, when it first struck Ginsburg that bound comics could feature original material and not just reprints from the Sunday funnies, he had, from the helm of All-American Publications (a precursor of DC Comics), graced the world with a succession of mythic figures that included Wonder Woman, the Flash, and the Green Lantern.

No artist or writer but a businessman, Ginsburg, in taking on the Bible, was careful to align himself with a board of clerical advisors, and *Picture Stories* bore a large yellow flag on the cover, declaring: "ENDORSED BY CLERGY OF ALL FAITHS." This claim was something of a stretch even by contemporaneous standards, as the "Advisory Council" included eight Protestants, two Jews, and no Catholics. The bound collection was further insulated from charges of sacrilege by Ginsburg's founding of a new publishing company, decorously called Educational Comics.

As for *Picture Stories*, it strained to be well-mannered, which is something the Bible is not, but which the advisory board of ministers and rabbis probably was.

The biblical air, for example, is clear of the tang and smoke of animal sacrifice that suffuses many pages of the original; and also missing is sex, of course. There are no Lot and his daughters, no Onan, no rape of Tamar, no Bathsheba bathing on the roof in range of a God-struck but imperfect king.

The illustrations and writing, moreover, make no pretense to the provocations of art, nor even make much effort to capture the narrative flair of the original. "What's wrong with worshipping Baal?" gripes a red bearded Israelite to authorities in the "Book of Joshua," as though he'd just been issued a ticket for improper sorting of his recyclables; while the fixed-wing angel who chases Daniel in his visions looks like he just broke free from a Victorian headstone. ("I don't give a damn how long it took Moses [to cross the desert]," Ginsburg is reported to have told his staff, "I want it in two panels.")

But the Bible is the Bible, a very difficult thing to subjugate, and if the book's creators aimed to work around some incitements, they could not avoid running into a bunch of others: Abraham, alone on the plains of Sodom, bargaining with an invisible God for the lives of sinners; David, beneath a sky of black and blood ink, a hand covering his eyes, wishing aloud that he'd died in place of his rebellious son; the innocent face of the never-named boy who bought his own death when he kindly helped the blinded Samson reach out to the pillars.

"Why not concede that I have not progressed, in my religion, past the Book of Job?" Czeslaw Milosz wrote in *A Theological Treatise*. And why should I not concede that I have similarly not progressed in my theology past *Picture Stories From the Bible: The Old Testament in Full Color Comic Strip Form*, which left me permanently unable to take the God in dogma, doctrine, heresiology, eschatology, and all the rest as consequentially as I take the God in story. Like the story of Max Ginsburg's death when his boat was rammed by another motorboat on a resort lake in the summer of 1947. Ginsburg chose to use the seconds before the collision not to jump overboard but to throw a child, the son of a friend, from the front into the back of the boat. The boy lived. As we bar stool theologians say, that's some serious theology.

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—BEN BIRNBAUM

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LETTERS

GETTING HERE

I was somewhat dismayed to read in the Summer 2009 "Digest," by Ben Birnbaum, that the Class of 2013 is the first freshman class in Boston College history to include "no students who intend to commute to campus from home." Knowing the history and legacy of the founding of Boston College—the downtown BC, the move to the Heights, and the expansion into a University that is a nationally recognized leader in Jesuit education, I worry about what this means for struggling poor and middle-class students.

I was a five-year commuter myself. My family worked very hard to enable me to attend Boston College. I worked after classes, in the evenings, and in the summers to make up my share of the tuition. Of course, in my day there were no dorms on campus for women, and you could not live on campus in any case if you lived within 50 miles of Chestnut Hill. Nonetheless, being a resident student was well beyond my financial means.

I'm proud of my alma mater. My school system sends some of the finest students in Vermont to the Heights every year. It remains my fervent hope that all in need will receive the necessary financial aid so that such students may continue to aspire to attend and excel at Boston College.

Mary E. Moran '70, MA '71
Rutland, Vermont

The writer is Rutland's superintendent of schools.

Ben Birnbaum responds: I appreciate Mary Moran's concern. The reality—and the symbolism—of the commuting student was indeed long tied to the University's mission to educate the sons (and belatedly, daughters) of Boston's working class. Today, of course, Boston College draws applicants from around the nation as well as from Boston, and is among only a score or so of American universities that makes admission decisions without regard to economic standing, while at the same time guaranteeing sufficient financial aid

to match the "full demonstrated need"—as the federal regulations put it—of each individual who matriculates.

LA HISTORIA COMPLETA

William C. Leonard's article "Keeping the Faithful" (Summer 2009) addresses Latinos as immigrants and especially as Catholics. Many Latinos at Boston College are hoping that our story will be told beyond that.

There is a story to be told about how Latinos are increasingly part of Boston College. It includes the student group OLAA, the faculty and staff group L@BC, and the development, around 1995, of Latin American studies as a program and a minor.

Boston College is in a position to gain from the recent demographic shifts and projections that show Latinos growing significantly as a population group.

Roberto Avant-Mier
Boston College

The writer is an assistant professor in the department of communication.

CONFERENCE CALL

Thank you for highlighting last June's conference on "Wealth and Giving in the Current Economic Crisis" ("Charitable Outlook," by Dave Denison, Summer 2009).

The conference was a great learning experience. It brought together many constituents from the field—donors, beneficiaries, researchers, fundraisers—and it was possible to get a broad range of thoughts and opinions. The session that I enjoyed most was "The Moral Biography of Wealth," led by Paul Schervish, director of Boston College's Center on Wealth and Philanthropy, in which Professor Schervish talked about the inner and deeper motivation for giving.

I eagerly await further forums and conferences.

John Fodor
Southborough, Massachusetts

PILGRIMS' PROGRESS

We write in response to your excellent article on the *Lectura Dantis* ("Pleasure Trip," by Clare Dunsford, Spring 2009). We have been in attendance since the beginning and will be there at the end, and feel incredibly lucky to be part of this "happening."

We drank champagne at the conclusion of Purgatory (I am the woman who shouted out "Elvis Presley"), and only wish Ms. Dunford could have been with us for every canto. Professor Laurie Shepherd has done a stupendous job in keeping the ongoing journey vital. She has attracted one top scholar after another, each different, some beyond compare, who share fascinating, enriching presentations, making us even more excited about the *Divine Comedy*, Dante, and the historical context in which Dante lived.

Hearing each canto read aloud in Italian is truly transformative, every time. The room should be packed. We're in Paradiso after all, and will be for some years to come.

*Cynthia Clark and Willard McGraw
Newton, Massachusetts*

I often wonder what Dante would think, peering down from Paradise, of our monthly convocations in *Lectura Dantis*. This prim and proper "Philosophical Poet"—would he be scandalized by our insouciance, by the offhand modern way we dispatch with matters of eternal significance? Would he be disoriented by our far-fetched explications of his formidable text? Would he be bored by our spasmodic efforts to overcome the trammels of materialism?

No, I think rather he'd be pleased—not only that his imperishable poetry has endured, but that each of us in *Lectura Dantis*, in our different ways and according to our very diverse backgrounds and abilities, is engaged with his words and with his art. We relish the vivid reality of his characters. We are startled by his pungent yet lofty language. We struggle with the teasing transcendence of his vision. When we read Dante—individually, for our sole delight, and collectively, in *Lectura Dantis*—centuries are dissolved and time is abolished; we are at one with this most passionate of pilgrims.

Boston College, Laurie Shepherd, and Emilio Mazzola have crafted a rare and splendid thing in the *Lectura Dantis*. They have helped Dante's words live anew. From the occasional random attendee to the world-renowned Dante scholar, we the participants are in their debt.

*Benet Kolman
Newton, Massachusetts*

THE LONG VIEW

I want to commend *Boston College Magazine* for the Summer 2009 issue. The gradual evolution of BCM from an alumni class newsletter to a publication that includes insightful, thoughtful articles by both alumni and noted non-alumni has, in my opinion, raised its level of intellectual discussion to new heights (no pun intended).

I remember reading my father's Boston College alumni magazine as a youth—he belonged to the Class of 1920. In one issue, Jones I. J. Corrigan, SJ, who taught ethics, wrote of the 120 members of my father's class that they were "40 scholars; 40 who came in from the cold; and the 40 thieves." The magazine increased my interest in attending the University.

In the latest issue, the personal alumni "War Stories" (interviews by Seth Meehan) depicted the horror and cruelty such conflicts inevitably engender. "Picturing

America," by Jane Whitehead, revealed the linkage between the need for visual description in pre-camera eras and the immediate impact of modern photography in communicating major events. Finally, the perceptive essay by J. Donald Monan, SJ, "Value Proposition," reaffirmed liberal arts education in a world too often dismissive of such enduring foundations.

*Ad multos annos!
William C. Boud '52
Bonita Springs, Florida*

Editor's note: Since the publication of "Face Value," by Tim Czerwinski (Spring 2009), the University has launched an official Boston College Facebook page produced by the Office of News and Public Affairs. It includes University news, photo albums, and frequent updates about Boston College alumni, students, and faculty. The page currently has more than 7,100 fans, and can be viewed at www.facebook.com/BostonCollege. The University also has launched a Twitter account, through the Office of News & Public Affairs, that has more than 5,200 followers. See www.twitter.com/BostonCollege.

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CAMPUS DIGEST

Boston College was among some 20 institutions of higher learning represented by teams that journeyed to Middlebury College this fall for the inaugural **Quidditch** World Cup, which is said to celebrate a sport played in Harry Potter novels. ✂ The theologian **Michael Buckley, SJ**, former director of the University's Jesuit Institute, was celebrated by several hundred of his former students and his colleagues at a weekend symposium in October. ✂ With 20 award winners, Boston College took 10th place nationally in this year's Fulbright scholar sweepstakes. ✂ Working in the tradition established just a few years ago by the creators of *The BC* and carried on by last year's stunningly silly *Nuns at BC*, students have this year produced *The Hillsides*, with parodic takes on *Good Will Hunting* and horror flicks, and promises of more silliness to come. ✂ **New endowed chairs:** Thomas F. Rattigan Professor Mary Crane (English); Robert A. and Evelyn J. Ferris Professor of Physics Michael Naughton; Kraft Professor James Bernauer, SJ (Theology); Accenture Professor Katherine Lemon (Marketing). ✂ Student affairs vice president Patrick Rombalski began holding open **office hours** for students on Friday afternoons, while, unrelatedly, coach Frank Spaziani began having lunch with two superfans each Monday during football season. ✂ Working from a newly devised set of criteria, **Forbes** magazine developed a new

list of "America's best colleges." Boston College placed 16th. West Point took first place. ✂ "Be polite to the bus drivers" was among 34 sensible directives that *Heights* editors offered arriving freshmen, while further lessons in practical ethics were dispensed by the BC Police Department, whose **blotter** for the semester's first weekend offered this morality play: "A report was filed regarding a student on lower campus who failed to pay her taxi fare. The student was identified and escorted back to the taxi to pay her fare." ✂ Boston College physicists demonstrated the ability to control a stream of light in a manner that would allow it to be dispatched **around corners**. ✂ The Sloan Center for Aging and Work published **survey data** indicating that European men who preferred not to grow up were best suited for life in Bulgaria, where 24.2 years is considered adulthood. The Irish, by deepest contrast, reportedly welcome responsibility at a mere 19.5 years. ✂ The University and its students joined in **lobbying** to save the McElroy Commons post office, which has been placed on a list of potential closures by the USPS. ✂ Dining Services developed "Buddy Packs" of ramen, saltines, and Powerade for delivery by friends to **swine flu** sufferers, while the Provost's Office required that each faculty member designate a colleague capable of subbing in class in the event of illness. As of early November, the innovations were proving more prudent



WALL SPACE—Selected by the German government to serve as one of 30 U.S. universities co-celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Berlin Wall's demise, Boston College responded with a documentary film about the wall, a movie and lecture series, and a 12 by 40-foot wood and canvas full-scale replica of a section of the wall (the work of fine arts faculty and students) that became, as intended, a Dustbowl whiteboard for student reflections. On the day of this photo, October 21, a representative from the German consulate presented Boston College with a piece of the original Berlin Wall.

than prescient (no one was complaining), with the University recording 220 cases of “influenza like illness” among 14,700 students since September 1, most mild and none requiring hospitalization. ✎ With a \$3 million grant from the Social Security Administration, the University has established a center that will promote “**financial literacy**” among retirees and low- and moderate-income workers. The center is led by CSOM professor Alicia Munnell, who is also chairing a commission to restore the Massachusetts pension system to fiscal health. ✎ The October 6 issue of the independent student newspaper the *Observer* featured a “scavenger of BC” column listing upcoming student events at which **food** would be available free of cost. Fare ranged across Haitian, Latino,

and trivia game cuisine. ✎ *New England Classic*, a satirical newspaper founded two years ago by undergraduates, was denied University funding. Sample headline: “Junior chooses his biolab partner based on hookup potential.” The *Heights*—itself famously “independent”—while not quite applauding the University’s decision, advised the *Classic* that **sovereignty** was its own reward. ✎ *Elements*, a famously independent and un-ironic student-run journal of research, published a **fall issue** that included analyses of the contemporary Russian intelligentsia, of the impact of migrant remittances on developing nations (“and its implications for global monetary policy”), and of “Call-and-response: An ancient linguistic device [that] surfaces in Usher’s ‘Love in this

Club.’” ✎ While communication, with 944 enrolled majors, continues to rule the roost, **numeral-based majors** are making a run at demi-popularity, according to a University report, with accounting now standing at 393 majors, 72 more than in September 2008; physics hosting a record 88; chemistry rising from 116 to 136 over the past year; and mathematics standing at 219—an 18 percent increase since the fall of 2007. ✎ Dennis Carr ’11, who developed a celebrity following over the past two years while playing pop song requests during lunch hour on a **battered upright** in the Eagle’s Nest dining hall, returned to campus this fall to discover that the music department had replaced the clunker with a decommissioned grand piano.

Ben Birnbaum



Fichman (left) and Kane (second from right) with colleagues from England, Michigan, and Virginia, in the anteroom of the Lynch Conference Center

Peer pressure

By Tim Czerwienski

Meet the critics

The process of publishing one's work in an academic journal is, by design, tortuous. The editorial cycle for a manuscript, from submission through reviews and revisions to final publication, can take three years. Sometimes, such as when the topic involves improving health care through technology, and lives as well as a great deal of money are at stake, that's simply too long.

Rob Fichman is an associate professor in Boston College's information systems department and a senior editor of a forthcoming special issue of the journal *Information Systems Research* on the potential roles for the field in health care. Together with co-editors Rajiv Kohli of the College of William and Mary and Ranjani Krishnan of Michigan State, Fichman hosted a writing workshop at Boston College on September 19 for the authors of 10 papers under consideration. The objective, says Fichman, was to compress the normal review process

by providing face-to-face "constructive, developmental, and actionable criticism" in between rounds of the customary anonymous, long-distance peer review. If successful, they might speed the issue's publication to late 2010, cutting the journal cycle by at least a year.

EARLY THAT SATURDAY MORNING, some two dozen authors and reviewers clad in business casual gathered in the anteroom of the Lynch Conference Center for coffee, bagels, and juice. The participants had come from universities relatively near (Carnegie Mellon and Johns Hopkins) and far (the University of Hawaii, the University of British Columbia, and the University of London). Each of the 10 papers, the cream of 53 submissions, had already been through an editorial screening and a first cycle of anonymous peer review.

The format of the workshop before them would be familiar to any English

major who ever dabbled in creative writing. In four sessions throughout the day, the whole group, with laptops aglow, gathered around a horseshoe conference table to hear individual 15-minute PowerPoint presentations on two or three of the papers, which had been made available in advance on an invite-only website. Topics included "Electronic Patient Record Use in Multidisciplinary Care"; "Examining Patient Contact Tracing in Epidemic Outbreak Management"; and "The Clinical Impact of eHealth on the Self-Management of Diabetes."

For all the technology on display, Fichman and his fellow editors chose a primitive information system to hold presenters to their time limit: They raised handwritten placards to count down the minutes.

Following each general session, the group split up for more in-depth discussions of the individual studies.

JERRY KANE IS AN ASSISTANT PROFESSOR in Boston College's information systems department and an associate editor for the special issue. Because his duties are administrative and not editorial, he was allowed to submit a paper, which made the first cut. The session on Kane's paper, which carries the working title "Dissent Within the Clan: Assessing the Impact of System Avoidance on the Performance of Health Care Groups," drew a crowd of 12 critics to the long classroom tables in Fulton 453.

Kane's study explores what happens when different members of health care teams—doctors, nurses, administrators—decline to use electronic systems that track scheduling, lab and radiology results, and administrative tasks within the team. Kane started by outlining some of the concerns raised by his two early reviewers. Both wanted to see a stronger connection to existing health care literature; Kane and his coauthor, Joe Labianca of the University of Kentucky, had obliged. Before Kane could finish discussing the reviewers' reports, Brian Butler of the University of Pittsburgh interjected that the manuscript lacked a bottom-line reckoning of the real-world consequences of information system avoidance. "You have no 'this is something that kills 10 million

people a year,' or 'this much money is spent,'" said Butler. Kane nodded, jotting down notes at his place in the front of the classroom.

Shortly after that, Butler reminded Kane that in a hospital setting resisting the use of an information system isn't necessarily a bad thing. "One of the characteristics of health care is the complete acceptability of making do, or doing something an alternative way," he said. "If it saves the patient, you're allowed to do just about anything." Kane continued to take notes. "It seems like the thing that's unifying a lot of these comments is that in health care, avoidance is a different phenomenon, and I need to explain that," he responded.

Much of the discussion centered on recondite technical matters or the parsing of theoretical issues. Kane, for example, noted an initial reviewer's opinion that social network theory, an evaluative technique common to the social sciences, isn't suited to the analysis of quantitative data. Butler sided with Kane, saying this assertion was "just wrong." Molly Wasko of Florida State University brought up the difference between information technology avoidance and information systems avoidance. "You use the terms interchangeably. The teams you studied are using information systems, just not the technology," she said, noting that taking notes with paper and pen technically constitutes an information system. "I'm wondering which one you're interested in studying," she said. Kane admitted to the imprecision in language.

After the workshop, Kane spoke about the value of his critics' input. "They raised issues that frankly, I never would have thought about," he said, "assumptions that I made that I probably shouldn't have made." The revisions he planned for the paper based on the workshop were "major, but doable." The original research and analysis are sound, he said, but "I need to do a better job of explaining what I did and why it's important."

AFTER THE BUSINESS OF THE WORKSHOP wrapped up, shortly before 7 P.M., most of the group reconvened for dinner. "No shop talk on my end of the table, just catching up with friends," Fichman said. He was pleased how the workshop turned out. "Many participants," he said, "made

note of the constructive, collegial atmosphere that pervaded the breakout sessions, which was a contrast to some of the workshops they had attended [elsewhere] that were more adversarial."

The time and money required to assemble 20 or so scholars in the same place likely will prevent the workshop model from being adopted more broadly by peer-review journals. Fichman and Kane are working on another solution.

They're currently writing a paper exploring the use of wikis—collaborative websites that allow a group of people to add and critique content—in the editorial process.

"You learn much more in a conversation than you do in monologues," says Kane. "One of the reasons we're proposing this wiki-based approach is you can have a conversation without the difficulties of getting everybody face to face." ■

Post Road's new address

By Ken Gordon

The University adopts a 10-year-old journal

Post Road, the literary journal that publishes some 400 pages of fiction, poetry, essays, and artwork a year, has taken up residence in Room 334 of Carney Hall, marking the start of a collaboration between the English department and its previous editors.

Like most literary journals—*Agni* and *Ploughshares*, to name two local examples—*Post Road* is not a large-circulation publication. The latest issue of the digest-size biannual had a print run of 2,000 copies, with the majority going to independent bookstores and college libraries. The 10-year-old journal's reputation, however, travels more widely—the poem "Cock Robin," by Miranda Field in issue 2, won a 2003 Pushcart Prize; a story from issue 8, "The Smile on Happy Chang's Face," by Tom Perrotta, was included in *Best American Short Stories 2005*; and the magazine received an honorable mention in the 2006 edition of *Best American Essays*, for Jon Stattmann's "Trial by Trash."

Post Road was begun by a group of graduates from the Bennington College Writing Seminars. According to founding co-editor Jaime Clarke, the editors looked

at various "little magazines" and noticed "the same vanguard writers popping up. We wondered if we could publish a literary magazine that didn't feature the works of prominent writers," Clarke says. The founders realized, however, that established names lend credibility to a publication and attract readers, so they decided to include book reviews, or what they called "recommendations," from well-known writers such as Susan Choi, David Leavitt, and Robert Pinsky.

The magazine was initially independent, with its functions scattered geographically—poetry submissions went to an editor in Cincinnati, fiction to Newton Centre, and nonfiction to Brooklyn. Beginning in 2006, *Post Road* became a collaborative undertaking, with the founders being joined by Lesley University in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and the Literary Ventures Fund (LVF), a private not-for-profit foundation. The partnership ended in 2008, says Clarke, when LVF chose not to renew its investment and Lesley determined it "couldn't go it alone."

Post Road's alliance with Boston College took effect last spring. Despite



Clockwise from top left: Siasoco, Sam Lovett '10, and master's students Kacy Walz and Luke Dietrich

the change of address, a number of original staff members continue to work on the magazine, including Ricco Siasoco, who until recently was *Post Road*'s web editor. An adjunct faculty member in the English department since 2001, teaching the first-year writing seminar and creative nonfiction, Siasoco is now the magazine's managing editor.

BOSTON COLLEGE'S COLLABORATION was advanced by the University's Institute for the Liberal Arts, which, says Vice Provost Patricia DeLeeuw, aims to support "programs and projects that arise from and bridge the disciplines." According to Mary Crane, chair of the English department, the magazine's presence has "already benefited BC students in several ways." She notes that Siasoco teaches a class called "Magazine Editing and Publishing," and that the arrival of *Post Road* "offers graduate assistants and undergraduate interns an opportunity to gain hands-on experience in publishing a literary magazine." Undergraduates now serve, for instance, as the first readers of all submissions. (Anyone can contribute to *Post Road*, except for Boston College undergraduates—who may do so once they graduate.) "We read a thousand submissions over two months," says Siasoco.

The magazine's format remains largely unchanged. The current editorial board

consists of two longtime *Post Road* associates (founding co-editor David Ryan and art editor Susan Breen) and three Boston College English professors: Crane, Elizabeth Graver, and Suzanne Matson. New to *Post Road* is a "guest folio" fea-

ture, which will be edited each issue by a member of the Boston College English faculty. The first guest editor was Matson, a poet, who assembled 23 pages of poems; a sample, Joshua Rivkin's "Tikkun," can be found on page 48. Graver, whose writing has appeared in *Best American Short Stories*, will edit a selection of fiction for an upcoming issue. Carlo Rotella, director of the American Studies Program and recipient of *The American Scholar*'s prizes for Best Essay and Best Work by a Younger Writer in 2000, will prepare a forthcoming special section of nonfiction.

Issue 17, published in Spring 2009, is the first product of the University's collaboration. With 192 pages of fiction, nonfiction, poetry, and "recommendations," it includes a poem entitled "Shame" about a night at a church-run shelter ("How normal everyone appeared at first, and then, inexorably, their oddnesses leaked out"), an essay on the difficulty of teaching J.D. Salinger, and a story about Romanian exiles, graduate dissertations, and loyalty entitled "Drunk in English." ■

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Quigley named dean

At the annual University Convocation on September 9, University President William P. Leahy, SJ, introduced historian David Quigley as the new dean of the College and Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, succeeding Patrick Maney. The transition should be fairly smooth for Quigley: He has served as interim dean since last fall following Maney's return to teaching.

A professor at Boston College since 1997, specializing in 19th-century American and urban history, Quigley helped develop the history department's honors program, which supports seniors pursuing an honors thesis, and has mentored history majors training to be high school teachers through the Lynch School's program Teachers for a New Era. In 2007, he received the University's Distinguished Teaching Award, and in 2008 he became the founding director of Boston College's Institute for Liberal Arts, which promotes innovation and interdisciplinary study.

Quigley earned his Ph.D. from New York University. He is the author of *Second Founding: New York City, Reconstruction, and the Making of American Democracy* (2004) and is currently at work on a study of the Boston busing crisis.

—Tim Czerwienski





Around midnight at the Target store in Watertown

Priceless

By Sage Stossel

Welcome Week has changed

At 10:30 P.M. on their first Friday at Boston College, more than 1,400 members of the Class of 2013 went shopping. More precisely, they took over a nearby Target superstore, which was closed to all except the freshmen for a two-hour event called “Shop ‘til You Drop.”

The excursion was part of a new lineup of activities during the annual Welcome Weekend for first-year students, according to Sheilah Horton, associate vice president of student affairs, who with associate vice provost Joseph Burns cochaired a University-wide committee to rethink freshmen’s first days on campus. The intention, Horton says, was to shift away from events that merely entertain, and to focus on educating students about the University’s resources and traditions in entertaining ways. Thus, a catered reception with administrators, featuring an address by University President William P. Leahy, SJ, replaced the traditional lobster bake. The free-form pep rallies of old gave

way to “Athletics 101” in Conte Forum, where students learned the BC fight song, heard the Screaming Eagles marching band, and cheered the football team. The event, in the words of Welcome Weekend organizers, was designed to introduce students to “the history, tradition, and passion of Boston College athletics.” Monday afternoon brought a high-tech scavenger hunt, during which teams of four to six were directed via text messages to various locations—the academic advising center, for instance, and the libraries—that will prove useful to them throughout their college careers. Prizes included tickets for on- and off-campus events and venues—the homecoming ball, concerts, plays, Boston Duck Tours, the New England Aquarium—with a grand prize of luxury box tickets to an Eagles football game.

Asked about the role of the shopping trip, Horton laughs. “It’s probably not the most representative of what we’re aiming to do this year,” she says. “Which

isn’t surprising, since it’s not something we came up with. *They* approached *us*.” Indeed, Target offered similar events for 36 colleges and universities from Alabama to Alaska, providing buses, refreshments, entertainment, and gift bags.

The scene at the Watertown store had all the makings of a block party. A DJ orchestrated the music, which pounded through huge speakers. Store employees dispensed free sodas, while Bullseye, Target’s enormous mascot dog, played jester in the checkout area. Students danced in the aisles, tossed plastic footballs in the sporting goods section, and pushed one another in carts.

Some students who’d met at earlier orientation events greeted one another like long-lost friends. Others, not yet acquainted, bonded over detergent selection or the shared quest for an ice tray. A trio of students passing through the pet supplies aisle stopped to show one another cell phone photos of beloved cats and dogs. A group of young women settled into lawn chairs in the gardening section, chatting and leafing through magazines.

As for the night’s purchases, the contents of most carts ran to ramen noodles, extension cords, bulletin boards, and microwaves—the stuff of dorm life everywhere. But there were a few surprises, like the ironing board protruding from the cart of some burly-looking athletes, or the sleek modular pullout sofa in another cart.

With the 12:30 A.M. closing time approaching, the student shoppers began to haul their bulging white bags outside to the front sidewalk, where they sleepily munched potato chips, compared acquisitions, and waited for the buses. They looked pretty beat, but their weekend was just getting started. Saturday, they would attend their first BC football game and perhaps head to the Dustbowl that night for a “drive-in” movie (Disney-Pixar’s *Up*). Sunday would bring jazz and art at the McMullen Museum and a harbor cruise.

Before all that, however, some of these shoppers had to confront vexing new matters, absent parental assistance. “You got *pancake mix*?” one freshman asked his roommate. “I’m almost positive you can’t make that in the microwave.” ■

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One of the hundreds of manuscripts lost and found in Toledo

CLOSE-UP: TREASURE HUNT

For three years starting in 2000, Michael Noone, associate professor of music, scoured the great cathedral in Toledo, Spain, rummaging through chapels, vaults, choir lofts, and every other niche of the massive medieval structure. Scholars knew that Toledo Cathedral once housed long-lost masterpieces of Renaissance music—reputedly stunning illuminated manuscripts of works by leading composers. But they surmised that looters had long ago whisked away the atlas-sized choir books.

Noone surmised differently. And, by 2003, he had turned up more than 170 parchment choir books, containing nearly 300 compositions by dozens of Renaissance masters, together with nearly 900 plainsong chants, primarily of Spanish origin. Most of the works were unknown until Noone found the manuscripts scattered within the cathedral.

The image above is from a manuscript of Franco-Flemish origin, presenting 30 polyphonic, or multiple-voice, pieces written for the French royal chapel in the 16th century. Although many of the

manuscripts found by Noone had been virtually discarded and severely damaged (from sitting, for example, in standing water, in the cathedral basement), this one was preserved under lock and key, inside a chest in the sacristy—"a victim of overzealous caretaking," Noone says.

Thanks to archival records kept by the cathedral, Noone was able to identify the composer. The page is the first in a Mass by Antoine de Févin (c. 1470–1512), beginning with the singing of the *Kyrie* ("Lord have mercy . . ."). The detail shows a portion of the bass part; the tenor, soprano, and alto parts occupy the remaining three quadrants of the spread. Records indicate that the cathedral purchased the 50-pound choir book some time before 1536 from an unidentified German. It was likely prized as an artifact, Noone says, "too expensive to be put in the hands of grubby musicians."

The identity of the master illuminator who rendered the page's precise miniatures on gold leaf remains a mystery. As Noone relates, the figures depict noblemen in Flemish garb. One gestures

toward a banderole proclaiming the words sung at the beginning of Pentecost Mass: *Spiritus Domini replevit orbem terrarum* ("The spirit of the Lord filled the globe of the earth"). The scribe who set down the musical notation, probably in a separate workshop, is also unknown.

Before Noone's discoveries—for which he received a cultural-preservation award from Spain's King Juan Carlos in 2006—it was widely assumed that combatants in the Spanish Civil War (1936–39) or anticlerical forces decades earlier had plundered the collection. Noone, however, long argued that the cathedral's prodigious archives would have indicated such a fate. After two decades of his visits, cathedral authorities invited him to search.

The Australian-born Noone came to Boston College shortly after making his discoveries. He has since turned out a dozen recordings of the music he recovered, working primarily with the London-based Ensemble Plus Ultra, which he directs. He is now supervising a project to catalogue and digitize all 22,000-plus folios unearthed.

—William Bole



Patchett with first-year students James Keeley and Margaret O'Neill following her talk

A swim in the deep end

By Ann Patchett

Reflections on talent and the lack thereof

From the First Year Academic Convocation keynote address, Thursday, September 17, in Conte Forum.

This is perhaps the only truly remarkable fact about me: I knew what I wanted to do with my life and then I did it. I knew I wanted to be a writer on the first day of first grade. In retrospect it makes no sense at all because at that point I didn't even know how to write my name. I learned, and once I started putting pen to paper I became increasingly single-minded.

In college I crammed my schedule full of writing classes and literature classes, anything that would help me reach my goal, and all the while my father begged me to reconsider. He didn't care if I was a writer. He wanted me to be well rounded. "Take economics," he told me. "Go out

for the volleyball team." I don't think my school had a volleyball team but that was beside the point. My father wanted me to experience a broad-range education, and I told him that I was. Look at my schedule, I said. I was taking Shakespeare and 20th-century poetry and Japanese literature in translation.

"Marine biology," he said. "Islamic history. Calculus. French."

Not a chance. I got A's in every English class I took. I doubt seriously I would have passed organic chemistry with a D. Nobody asks Michael Phelps to get out of the pool and give football a try. In all the world, there was exactly one thing I was pretty good at, and I followed that one thing with all the single-minded devotion of a dog following a steak. I was going to stick with what I knew. I had made up my mind to be a winner.

And I was. And I wasn't.

I graduated from college the same person I've wound up being my whole life. I'm really good at exactly one thing. In the end I came to think that maybe my father was right.

I'm going to guess that most of you are not absolutely positive where your life is heading right now. Even if you are, even if you're certain you're going to be, say, a novelist, what you find out is there's a lot you need to know—stuff like Islamic history and marine biology.

You may remember there are some fish—ichthyology yet—in *Run*, my book that you read over the summer or you plan to read tonight before group discussions start in the morning. To get my facts straight, I wound up having to read *Inland Fishes of Massachusetts* and *The Voyage of the Beagle*, thinking wistfully of all the college courses I had skipped over to make time for Dickens and Austen and James. Sometimes the desire to be the best at something can be in direct conflict with getting an education. If you really want to learn things you have to be willing to get into water that's over your head. You're probably going to discover a few things you're not so good at.

You're about to embark on one of life's greatest privileges, a first-rate education. If you are absolutely sure of who you are, if you know all your strengths and weaknesses and you've been telling people loudly that you have planned to be a neurologist or an art dealer since you were in the second grade, then I have some good news: None of these people around here know you. You don't have to stick with your story. In fact, you can change your story completely. You can experiment with having no story at all and see where the possibilities lead you.

This isn't a chance that comes around often so I suggest that you grab it. After a while we all grow up and get jobs and then what we do comes to define who we are. You freshmen, on the other hand, are standing on the threshold of limitless intellectual freedom. ■

Ann Patchett's 2007 novel, *Run*, was assigned as summer reading to the incoming Class of 2013. *Bel Canto*, Patchett's 2001 novel, earned the PEN/Faulkner Award.

THE MAN WHO KNEW TOO MUCH

HARRY MARKOPOLOS, MS'97, BEGAN WARNING
FEDERAL OFFICIALS ABOUT BERNARD MADOFF IN 2000.
WHAT WENT WRONG?

BY DAVE DENISON

It's a still evening in early June as I make my way across Lower Campus for a reception and dinner at the Yawkey Center. Tonight's speaker is Harry Markopolos, MS'97, the man who became semi-famous in the months after the spectacular fall of Bernard L. Madoff, con man extraordinaire. Markopolos is the man who knew, the man who tried to blow the whistle on one of history's greatest financial frauds. He's the man who could have—would have—saved investors billions of dollars if the federal government had heeded his warnings.

The antenna truck of New England Cable News is parked in the lot outside the Yawkey Center. It's been almost six months since the day Madoff turned himself in, on December 11, 2008, but media interest in All Things Madoff is going strong. The many strands of the saga will keep writers, lawyers, and documentarians busy for years. There are even rumors of Hollywood interest in the Harry Markopolos story.

On the fourth floor, the Murray Room is beginning to buzz. That's Markopolos over in the corner, looking much as he did three months ago on CBS News's *60 Minutes*. He's chatting with the lone Boston College police officer assigned to tonight's event, the kickoff of the annual conference sponsored by the Carroll School's Center for Asset Management. As the room fills and Markopolos mingles with bankers and finance professionals, it's impossible not to notice: While almost all the men are wearing dark suits—gray, black, navy, charcoal—Markopolos is in a suit the color of Dijon mustard, with a yellow shirt and a gold-and-brown checkerboard necktie.

Markopolos's eyes look small and sharp under his dark eyebrows. There's something rabbit-like about him, a tense alertness. When I get the chance, I introduce myself. "You won't be taping me, will you?" he asks, first thing. He asserts that he's not giving interviews. Still, he hands me his business card and says maybe we'll talk.

OPPOSITE: Markopolos in Boston, December 24, 2008





Markopolos in the Murray Room at Boston College, June 4, 2009. To his left is finance professor Hassan Tehranian, with whom he studied.

In the adjoining banquet room, about a hundred attendees take seats at round tables. As dessert is served, finance professor Alan Marcus introduces the featured speaker, giving the outlines of Markopolos's unusual résumé: a BA from Loyola College of Baltimore; 17 years in the Army National Guard and Reserve, which included training in intelligence gathering and special operations; his years in a Boston investment company; and his more recent work as an independent investigator of white-collar crime.

Then Harry Markopolos stands up, fiddles with his PowerPoint clicker, and launches into his story. He speaks rapidly, with bubbling energy, eyebrows flitting, pacing around the front of the room like a roving talk-show host. "Let me tell you a little bit about myself," he begins, "because I think the press has it wrong. I'm not a hero. I certainly wasn't brave—I was very frightened." He tells of his eight-year undercover campaign to expose Madoff. How he smelled a multibillion-dollar fraud as early as 2000 and soon urged the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) to look into whether Madoff was running a Ponzi scheme. He alludes frequently to an ever-present fear: Utterly convinced

that Madoff was corrupt, and knowing how high the stakes were, he worried that Madoff might have him killed. And he bolsters his case that he was no hero by noting his ultimate failure. For all his efforts, he wasn't able to stop Madoff's elaborate scam. It was the crashing economy that brought Madoff down.

As Markopolos recounts the evidence of fraud, the warning signs he says should have been obvious, the details he lived with for years, his sense of outrage is as fresh as this moment. It's as if he still can't quite believe it. How could Madoff have fooled so many people? How could the SEC have been so incompetent? Over the course of his 40-minute talk, there is not the slightest sign of accommodation in him, no tired acceptance that "that's just how things are."

When he spoke at the conference that night, and later when I interviewed him by phone in June and August, he complained about the way he's been portrayed in the media. "I'm very leery of the press," he told me. "I don't like the press. There's so much inaccuracy." It especially rankles him that he has been labeled "a Boston accountant." He is, in fact, a chartered financial analyst and a certified fraud

examiner. In a broader sense, too, he is no stereotypical accountant. Friends describe him as “a character,” “colorful,” “irreverent,” “intense,” and “slightly eccentric.”

When we spoke in August, he elaborated on his desire to stop giving interviews. He had just signed a book contract and was not inclined to hand over choice material to other writers. (The book contract also covers a New York ghostwriter and several longtime Markopolos colleagues who helped investigate Madoff over the years; Markopolos said his colleagues have agreed not to tell their story elsewhere.) Plus, he felt overextended. He was cooperating with a documentary team, hoping to time the release of its film with the publication of his book. Negotiations were also under way, he said then, for a movie that might or might not involve Tom Hanks. And, with a wife and three young children, he had family responsibilities, too.

I soon found that there is a wealth of choice material already on the record. The voluminous documents that are part of Markopolos's Quixote-like adventure tell a story that has yet to receive the kind of in-depth treatment that Madoff's machinations and lifestyle have. There is, in fact, a more interesting Harry Markopolos than the “whistle-blowing accountant” in the Madoff morality tale. The 375 pages of material he submitted to Congress when he testified in early 2009 show him to be full of preternatural certitude and deep suspicion, with an oddball sense of humor,

emotions worn on his sleeve, and righteous disdain for both Madoff and the SEC. He is a man who has an aversion to the spotlight and a curious interest in it. It's the story of an American maverick, a true original. In a world of fine gray pinstripe, he's the man in the mustard-colored suit.

There is bravery and heroism in his story. It is also, as he says, a story about failure.

IN THE YEARS OF HIS DOGGED PURSUIT OF MADOFF, Markopolos never spoke publicly about what he knew. But when news broke on December 11 that Madoff admitted to running a Ponzi scheme, Markopolos went into high alert. Suddenly he had the panicky feeling that he might have a new enemy to worry about: the Securities and Exchange Commission. People in the agency now knew Markopolos had been right—and that they were going to look like accomplices in a billion-dollar crime. Fearing they might try to use the power of the government to cover their mistakes, perhaps by sending authorities to confiscate his records, he frantically began working with a Boston law firm to photocopy years' worth of correspondence and documents he had submitted to the SEC. The law firm then put them in the hands of several media outlets.

A week after Madoff was taken into custody, the *Wall Street Journal* was the first to tell the story of Markopolos's role. In January he was the subject of a profile in the *Boston Globe*. In February, Markopolos testified in front of a congressional panel looking into the regulatory failure of the SEC. In March, he appeared on *60 Minutes*. He'd come a long way, from obscurity to sudden prominence.

Markopolos grew up in Erie, Pennsylvania, where he was born in 1956. His father owned two luncheonettes and his mother stayed home in their small duplex, raising Harry and a younger sister and brother. He went to Loyola College on an Army ROTC program, where he earned a BA in business administration, and served in the National Guard and Reserve until 1995. Meanwhile, he started work at Rampart Investment Management in Boston in 1991. From 1995 through 1997 he completed work on a master's degree in finance at the Carroll School of Management.

Markopolos was at Rampart when, in late 1999, some of his colleagues began talking about the stellar investment performance of a money manager on Wall Street named Bernard L. Madoff. Because Markopolos had a sophisticated understanding of the derivatives market and excellent mathematics skills, his firm asked him to see if Rampart could imitate Madoff's methods. Markopolos and his colleague Frank Casey, then a senior vice-president for marketing at Rampart, became especially intrigued with Madoff as they collected information in the spring of 2000. Markopolos says that upon looking over some documents from a Madoff-managed fund that showed consistently

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high monthly returns from 1993 to early 2000, he immediately suspected something was amiss. When he spent about four hours running the numbers—trying to “reverse engineer” the results based on Madoff’s reputed investment strategies—he concluded Madoff was probably engaged in fraud.

But what kind of fraud? Markopolos could see only two possibilities: Either Madoff was involved in “front-running” (a kind of early insider trading), or he was directing a Ponzi scheme—continually taking on new investors and paying off old investors with the cash infusions, regardless of actual investment results. To Markopolos, either scenario meant the SEC should take a look. He expected an investigation could proceed quickly and, if his suspicions were right, Madoff would be shut down in short order.

So, in May of 2000, Markopolos drafted an eight-page memo and went to the Boston office of the SEC. He had a good contact there, Edward Manion ’67, whom he had worked with while both were on an ethics committee of the Boston Security Analysts Society. Manion arranged a meeting with an SEC regional director of enforcement. But both Markopolos and Manion (a chartered financial analyst with industry experience) left with the feeling the meeting did not go well. It seemed to them that the official, a lawyer with no background in finance, had not grasped their argument and had no inclination to pursue the matter further.

Markopolos didn’t let it go. Working with Frank Casey and another Rampart colleague, Neil Chelo, he continued to collect and study materials from funds connected to Madoff. Manion got back in touch with Markopolos in October of 2001, feeling that the SEC had dropped the ball, and asked Markopolos to resubmit his original memo. He did, adding three pages of new material. Markopolos had originally pegged Madoff’s scheme as involving between \$3 billion and \$7 billion. Now he estimated a figure as high as \$20 billion.

In June 2002, Markopolos took a business trip to Europe. By this time, he had found a new ally, an investigative reporter named Michael Ocrant who had written a story in May 2001 for *MARHedge*, an industry publication, entitled “Madoff tops charts; skeptics ask how.” Eventually, he began to think of Ocrant as the fourth member of his “team,” as Markopolos, Casey, Chelo, and Ocrant continued to share information with one another about Madoff.

It was during the European trip, when Markopolos met with wealthy European investors on behalf of Rampart, that he began to realize how extensive Madoff’s empire was. He noticed how many of the investors he met “bragged” about getting into Madoff-connected funds. To Markopolos, this was a key tip-off. As he later explained in his testimony to the House committee on financial services in February 2009, Madoff’s “masterful use of a ‘hook’ by playing hard-

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Still, there was no apparent investigative interest in Madoff at the SEC. Markopolos, Casey, and Chelo were operating secretly, without sanction of their bosses; they continued to share information even after Casey and Chelo left Rampart for other jobs in the industry. In August 2004, Markopolos decided to leave Rampart and set up a business as an independent investigator of white-collar crime. He kept in touch with Ed Manion in the Boston SEC office. In October 2005, Manion arranged another meeting, this time with Boston SEC branch chief Mike Garrity, JD’88.

Markopolos drafted a 19-page report and gave it the unambiguous title “The World’s Largest Hedge Fund is a Fraud.” He listed 29 “red flags” that signaled suspicious activity—and declared it “highly likely” that Madoff was running a Ponzi scheme.

Garrity saw enough merit in the case that he directed Markopolos to his counterpart in the New York branch office, which had jurisdiction over Madoff. Markopolos resubmitted his memo in November to the New York SEC office and later spoke with branch chief Meaghan Cheung. But Cheung asked him almost no questions, he has testified, and seemed uninterested in pursuing an investigation. Shortly after that, he decided to take a new risk: He contacted John Wilke, an investigative reporter in the Washington office of the *Wall Street Journal*. Wilke seemed eager to pursue the story, and Markopolos communicated with him

frequently over the next two years. For reasons that remain unclear, the story never made it into print. Wilke died of cancer in May 2009.

Markopolos continued to gather materials in 2006 and 2007, occasionally providing more documentation to the New York SEC office. But he had clearly not “connected” with regulators there. As he later explained it in written testimony to Congress, “Every phone call to Meaghan Cheung made me feel diminished as a person, so I consciously chose to e-mail her so that I didn’t have to undergo unpleasant and unsatisfying telephone calls.”

By 2008, the world of global finance was moving toward crisis. Markopolos, Casey, and Chelo had their hands full with their own jobs and had for the most part given up on the SEC. By the end of that year, everything came crashing down. Madoff admitted he had lost about \$50 billion of investors’ funds and turned himself in.

WHEN MARKOPOLOS RELATED THIS TALE IN FRONT of the Center for Asset Management conference at Boston

College in June, he left quite a few heads shaking. It was an astounding account that made it all the more difficult to see how Madoff had stayed in business so long.

In the question-and-answer period after his talk, Markopolos was asked why, when he lost confidence in the SEC, he couldn’t have somehow become a “Deep Throat” source for a journalist capable of breaking the story. Why didn’t he, for example, go to the *New York Times*?

“I thought the *Journal* was the way to go,” he explained. “I was looking at the *New York Times* really seriously,” but, he said, “I was so afraid of New York, because I saw Madoff as a spider with a big web in New York. And I was afraid to make a ripple there, to get caught. And I was really fearing for my life.”

He then recounted an incident that illustrates the cloak-and-dagger mindset he had at the time. At some point years ago, a friend mentioned to him that Eliot Spitzer, the hard-charging attorney general of New York, would be attending an event at the Kennedy Library in Boston. Markopolos decided to go. (He is unsure of the year, but remembers



Markopolos testifying before the Senate banking committee, on September 10, 2009, alongside the SEC’s John Walsh (center), acting director of compliance inspections and examinations, and Robert Khuzami, director of enforcement

it as being in “the dead of winter.” Spitzer was on a panel discussing corporate responsibility at the Kennedy Library in December 2002.) Markopolos made a copy of his case submission to the SEC. “No finger prints, no DNA,” he told the audience, “this thing is as clean as clean can be.” He put the materials in a 9 x 12 envelope and then put that envelope in a larger one. He handed the package to a staff person at the event with the request that it be given to Spitzer. Markopolos left quickly. “Anything to do with New York I was paranoid about,” he said. “Because if this got back to [Madoff], I didn’t think I was going to be walking around much longer.”

I was not the only one that evening who wondered if perhaps Markopolos’s methods were not effective for some obvious reasons. As the crowd was dispersing, I buttonholed Richard Syron ’66, former CEO and chairman of Freddie Mac, who had been at the head table with Markopolos. What did he make of the fact that Markopolos had the goods but wasn’t able to get results? “That’s a conundrum,” Syron said, “it doesn’t make—it doesn’t seem to make sense. . . . This was a pretty compelling story.” I put the same question to Mitchell Zuckoff, a former reporter for the *Boston Globe* and the author of a book about Charles Ponzi. “I don’t know why he couldn’t have gotten it out,” Zuckoff said. “I was joking with him earlier, ‘Why didn’t you call me, Harry?’ And he said, ‘Because I would have been putting your life in danger.’” Zuckoff said he thinks Markopolos is “a remarkable guy.” But he suspects he has been “affected by being a voice in the wilderness for so long.”

Later, when I spoke to several people who have known Markopolos over the years, a consistent assessment emerged: The independent-mindedness that led Markopolos to see things differently from most industry insiders may have worked against him when it came to bringing influential people around to his point of view. Alan Marcus recalled having Markopolos as a student in his class on derivatives and risk management in the late 1990s. He knew then that Markopolos, who had already worked for several years in the investment world, was ahead of most of the other students—and was not the shy and retiring type. “He’s a pretty intense guy,” Marcus said. “So he was really very much front and center in the classroom.”

I asked Marcus how he thought about the role Markopolos played in the Madoff story.

“My impression is that he was not alone in the industry in being highly skeptical of Madoff. In retrospect, there were lots of people who looked at Madoff and said at the very least this doesn’t smell right,” Marcus said. “The issue is that most of them just felt like ‘Well, I’m not going to have anything to do with this guy,’ but they sort of went along and kept their heads down.” Not Markopolos. “He has that bulldog personality and he’s the kind of guy who has a hard time

letting things rest.” The result can be that industry insiders “view him as being kind of ‘out there.’”

Citing a letter Markopolos sent to the SEC, Marcus said, “At one level the letter is so angry about what was going on that in a sense he kind of did himself some harm. . . . If he would have been more measured I think they would have paid more attention to it.”

In that same period when Markopolos took Marcus’s class, he took a course in financial econometrics taught by Declan Mullarkey, MS’88, now a portfolio manager at John Hancock in Boston and a lecturer in finance at the Carroll School. Mullarkey noticed “a lot of intellectual energy” in Markopolos, and that “he didn’t take anything at face value.”

Christopher Argyrople, a lecturer in finance at Boston College who was introduced to Markopolos in 1997, offers a different spin. So what if Markopolos is, as he puts it, “not the most corporate individual”? The fact that the SEC didn’t act on the documents Markopolos sent was a kind of “malpractice.” “These people just totally pooh-poohed Harry. They should have been all over it.”

“I’ve got one thing that overlaps with Harry,” Argyrople says. “We’re Greek-Americans. The Greeks are just very outspoken. And most people don’t like it.”

Argyrople believes Markopolos had good reasons to be cautious in taking on a corrupt and powerful Wall Street titan like Madoff. But what excuse did regulators have?

ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2009, MARKOPOLOS WENT TO Washington for the second time to testify about his experience with the SEC, appearing before the Senate banking committee. Much had changed since his appearance before the House panel seven months earlier. Madoff had been sentenced in June to 150 years in prison. The Obama administration’s new chairman of the SEC, Mary Schapiro, was attempting to turn the agency around, to mostly favorable reviews. And from the first weeks when the Madoff story broke, the SEC’s office of the inspector general had been charged with conducting an internal investigation of how things went so wrong in the agency.

The inspector general’s report was released on the last day in August. It is a thorough accounting, to say the least. Running to 477 pages, it is based on the sworn testimony of 122 individuals and a search of 3.7 million e-mails in the agency’s records. Harry Markopolos figures prominently in the narrative.

At the September Senate hearing, Markopolos effusively praised the SEC’s inspector general, David Kotz, saying that the work of Kotz and Schapiro have “reaffirmed my faith in government.”

“I commend it to you,” Markopolos said of the IG’s report. “It’s great reading. For the victims out there—I know you’re watching—you definitely want to read all 477 pages.

It's hard-hitting; it's like watching a train wreck in slow motion, from 477 different angles, and it has the same tragic ending on each page. It's unbelievable, but sadly it's true."

Because Kotz had the authority to go back into the records, we now have an answer to the nagging question that followed Madoff's exposure: Why did the SEC refuse to pursue the leads that Markopolos provided? Was this a case, as some supposed, of strings being pulled at high levels to protect an influential Wall Street tycoon?

Kotz's report, and his testimony before the Senate panel, states that no evidence was uncovered that showed high-level interference with an SEC investigation. Instead, what Kotz found was that SEC regulators, at every turn, had things backward: They were more skeptical of Markopolos than they were of Madoff.

Perhaps the most telling passages in Kotz's narrative concern the events of late 2005 and early 2006. This was after Markopolos submitted his report "The World's Largest Hedge Fund is a Fraud" to New York SEC branch chief Meaghan Cheung. A lawyer, Cheung assigned her deputy Simona Suh, a staff attorney, to assist her in looking into Markopolos's claims. One of Suh's first steps was to go online to find more information about their Boston informant. She didn't find much, but on November 4, 2005, sent an e-mail to Cheung reporting that Markopolos had been quoted in the Bloomberg newswire in August 2004 giving a negative assessment of George W. Bush's reelection chances that year. "If Iraqi cities go up in flames, so do Bush's reelection hopes," Markopolos was quoted as saying. "And if oil prices keep rising, so do Kerry's chances of winning."

Questioned by Kotz, Suh later admitted Markopolos's political views were not especially relevant to the matter at hand. Kotz asked Cheung what she thought when she was contacted by Markopolos. She testified:

"I remember thinking that after I spoke to him that he wasn't technically a whistleblower because it wasn't inside information, so that was, I think, a distinction that I'm sure I made, because I think—I think that, you know, when you hear 'whistleblower' or 'informant,' there's an assumption that it's somebody who's inside an operation and has—and has nonpublic information to give you. And I remember realizing that he was not."

Suh elaborated. She believed Cheung was skeptical about Markopolos because "I remember hearing that she thought he was kind of condescending to the SEC in terms of SEC expertise and knowledge."

Nevertheless, Cheung opened an investigation, of sorts, in late 2005 that went into 2006. The suggestion that Madoff was running a Ponzi scheme was not the primary focus. Instead, Cheung's office discovered a few inaccuracies here and there in the information Madoff provided, and decided the problem was that he wasn't properly registered

as an investment advisor. He agreed to register in August 2006 and Cheung and Suh were happy, they said, to be done with the Madoff case.

From Kotz's report, it becomes clear that Markopolos had good reasons to be frustrated with SEC regulators. It is clear, also, that Markopolos wasn't the only one who tried to warn the SEC. In late December 2006, the commission received a letter from an anonymous "concerned citizen." It contained this passage:

"Your attention is directed to a scandal of major proportion which was executed by the investment firm Bernard L. Madoff . . . Assets well in excess of \$10 Billion owned by the late Norman F. Levy, an ultra-wealthy long time client of the Madoff firm have been 'co-mingled' with funds controlled by the Madoff company with gains thereon retained by Madoff."

In January 2007, the letter landed on Simona Suh's desk. She checked her list of Madoff clients and didn't find the name Norman Levy. So she called Madoff's lawyer, Brandon Becker. On January 9, she e-mailed Cheung to say, "Brandon Becker has called me to report that Bernie says he has not managed money for Norman F. Levy, the investor referenced in the anonymous letter." Cheung responded: "Then I think we are done and do not have to worry any further."

As Kotz's report dryly notes, "It is extremely curious that when the staff received a tip that Madoff had stolen from Levy, they simply accepted Madoff's claim that he had not managed money for Levy as an explanation for the tip."

And so it went. When Madoff's scheme collapsed, it turned out that Levy was one of Madoff's largest investors and had been one of Madoff's closest friends. In January 2009, Levy's JEHT foundation closed, due to the millions lost to Madoff.

Kotz's report goes on to note that about six months after the SEC dismissed the tip about Levy, Markopolos sent the following e-mail to Cheung:

"Hello Meaghan, Attached are some very troubling documents that show the Madoff fraud scheme is getting even more brazen. . . . Madoff couldn't possibly be managing the billions in this strategy unlevered, much less levered. I thought you would want to see these Wickford documents. When Madoff finally does blow up, It's going to be spectacular, and lead to massive selling by hedge fund[s]...as they face investor redemptions."

By that time, Cheung and Suh considered the Madoff matter closed.

Months later, Madoff did "blow up," and, just as Markopolos said, it was spectacular. ■

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Ten Sleep, Wyoming

A MODEL LIFE

BY MATTHEW MORTIMER





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ine days into what would be a four-week meandering journey around the country this past summer, my friend Tom Longmoore and I spent a night in Ten Sleep, Wyoming (population: 304). We hadn't planned on visiting, but Yellowstone was full and Ten Sleep was relatively close by and, most important, according to the AAA Guide we were carrying it was the home of Ten Broek RV and Cabins, which offered the least expensive lodgings in the neighborhood. (Ten Broek is a Dutch surname, and not a version of the town's name.) I called ahead from the car, and the man who answered the phone mumbled something to me about there being no vacancies, but now that he thought about it there was one vacancy. Or that's what he seemed to say. I told him we'd take it—though I had no idea what it was.

THE ROAD THAT BROUGHT US TO TEN SLEEP BEGAN in Chestnut Hill on May 18, 2009, when I graduated from Boston College with a major in communication and an excellent GPA and walked out into the recession.

For a month, I lived in my parents' colonial in Natick,

Massachusetts, spending my days running family errands and fruitlessly looking for work, and my nights sleeping in a nest of pillows and blankets on a maroon leather sectional in the family room.

On Tuesday, June 16, at 7:30 A.M., I left Natick in a borrowed pewter-gray Nissan Altima with Tom, a Providence College English major who found himself in circumstances similar to mine. Tom and I had planned the journey over

ABOVE: The main street in Ten Sleep

OPPOSITE: U.S. 16 through the Bighorn National Forest

meatball subs a week earlier. Using a map in the back of an AAA guidebook, we marked our route: Boston–Buffalo–Chicago–Minneapolis–Rapid City–Yellowstone–Missoula–Seattle–the Redwoods–San Francisco–Los Angeles–San Diego–Las Vegas–Grand Canyon–Denver–Kansas City–Cincinnati–D.C.–Boston. We didn't book hotels or motels. We'd stay with friends and in campgrounds. I read Kerouac, William Least Heat-Moon, and John Steinbeck in preparation. I took along a camera, tape recorder, and notebooks to keep a record.

TEN SLEEP IS A RANCHING COMMUNITY THAT LIES 64 miles south of Interstate 90 as it crosses Wyoming. It is accessible via U.S. 16, a faded two-lane blacktop dubbed "Cloud Peak Skyway" that makes a thin slash through the mountains of the Bighorn National Forest. The roller-coaster landscape bristles with lodgepole pine, spruce, aspen, fir, and outcrops of purple rock. Small waterfalls run down the rock, feeding Crazy Woman Creek.

There are at least five reputed origins of the creek's name, ranging from a "Sioux legend" of a spectral old woman who can be seen on moonlit nights in a canoe, to the heartbroken widow of a murdered white settler who spent years mourning over her husband's creek-side grave. Ten Sleep, however, has only one known derivation: It was once a Sioux settlement that lay 10 nights, or sleeps, distant from winter encampments in what are now Fort Laramie, Wyoming, Yellowstone National Park, and Stillwater River, Montana. (According to Google maps, Ten Sleep translates to four hours and 30 minutes by car.)

We arrived late in the afternoon. A log cabin served as the camp's office and as an "antique shop," selling corroded license plates and wooden animal carvings, mostly of horses and cows. Darryl, the camp manager, old-school in a white cowboy hat, bolo tie, and jeans, registered us from behind a mechanical cash register and showed us to our lodgings. We were to stay in Darryl's personal RV, a white tin box with two windows and a yellow stripe around its belly. Its furnishings were basic: four small beds on wooden frames, a folding table, two aluminum beach chairs, and a golden yellow kitchen that was nonfunctional save for a chilly mini-refrigerator. We learned later, in town, that Darryl lived in a little white house on the edge of the RV park with his wife, a nurse, who spends months away at a time working in a hospital.

That evening, Cliff and Sandy Linster, a retired couple from Montana who were settled beside us in a commodious white RV, invited us over for a beer. The Linsters were in Ten Sleep to visit Wes, their lanky 28-year-old son, who sat at his parents' picnic table adorned in wraparound sunglasses, a disheveled chestnut beard, and a pink sleeveless T-shirt with a T-Rex skull grinning across the chest. Wes

lived in Ten Sleep and earned his living digging dinosaur bones. The skin on his shoulders was ravaged by sun.

Soon joined by Wes's girlfriend, Leah, a part-time waitress at the town saloon, we sat and talked. Eddie, the Linsters' Chihuahua-dachshund mix, lay at our feet, rousing occasionally to yap at passersby.

We chatted about Hurricane Rita and Hurricane Katrina (Cliff had just heard from a friend on the Gulf Coast), the desperate state of Indian reservations, and drug-related crime on the Texas-Mexico border. Tom and I explained why we were spending a night of our lives in Ten Sleep. Mostly, though, we talked about dinosaurs.

Enthusiastic amateur paleontologists, Sandy and Cliff had raised their family on fossils. Cliff, a retired highway department manager, had worked near Glacier National Park in the summers, and on weekends Sandy would pack the car with kids and food and drive five hours to meet her husband at the family dig site in northwest Montana. Over time the children learned to identify and catalogue the bones they found.

When Wes was 14, he discovered the well-preserved skeleton of a three-foot-tall, meat-eating dinosaur. He named it "Bambiraptor" and was the subject of a *Time* magazine story. Scientists declared his find a missing link in the evolutionary chain connecting dinosaurs and birds.

After graduating from high school, Wes turned pro, and 10 years later he was working in Wyoming for Dinosauria International, a commercial fossil broker that sells to museums and private collectors. "No college experience, just backyard experience," Wes said.

Early the next morning we went out with Wes to his dig. He'd met a group of students from a college in Illinois at the local saloon—they were taking part in a geology department field camp—and he had offered them a tour of his site. We followed Wes's sea-foam green pickup and two white vans loaded with students along a rutted burnt-orange dirt road through a landscape of parched earth and tough grasses. The sky was blue, the sun was already hot, and the air was dry.

The site, a large pit, really, resembled a small dugout arena with earthen tiers rising up the sides. Enormous blue tarps, anchored by rocks and old tires, covered the fossils. Scattered around them were small picks, spades, and brushes—the largest tool we saw was a shovel.

Wes, now wearing an olive green sleeveless tee with a dinosaur skull over the pocket area and a broad-brimmed hat, removed the tarp over a shallow hole within a hole, maybe three feet deep, and carefully jumped down. Silvery mice that had been hiding from the sun scurried off into the desert. The students gasped when they looked into the hole and saw the partial excavation of a pair of apatosaurus skeletons, one considerably smaller than the other. Framed within an area roughly 10 by 15 feet, the pale spines curved



LEFT: Tom reads *No Country for Old Men* outside Darryl's RV.
RIGHT: Wes (left) shows students the dig site.

together like one spoon within another, in what seemed like fetal position.

The students and Tom and I stood at the edge of the hole, talking among ourselves and taking photographs. A bone hunter, not a lecturer, Wes seemed unsure what to do next for his invited guests. He began to describe the apatosaurus bone by bone, what we could see and what the ground probably still contained. He touched on the articulation of the tail, the seven elements of the pelvis, an anklebone where "all the foot bones meet up." The students took more photographs. "Is this a baby and a mother dinosaur?" one asked. "Yah, could be," said Wes.

"You never see the dinosaur actually laid out like this," Wes continued, looking down. "Usually they're in a jumble. The majority of dinosaurs that are found are usually only 40 or 50 percent complete, and we're assuming [here] there's probably 85 percent . . . just by what we see."

Asked by another student if dinosaur hunting was difficult, Wes said no, it was relatively simple, because fossils tend to crop up in groups. "I think there's been 14 dinosaurs taken from here so far, and this site's been open for something like 16 years. I speculate that this was a situation like in

Africa, where they get seasonal rivers, and they dry out and what's left is a water hole and [the dinosaurs] congregate there, and it keeps getting smaller, and they end up dying. You just keep on digging the holes deeper looking for the first dead." That was the end of Wes's lecture.

Wes posed for photos with some of the geology students before they all climbed into their vans and rattled back down the orange road. He gave Tom and me directions to the highway, pointing us down a dirt path that led to the town of Worland and Route 16. "Don't stop in Worland though, there's nothing there," was his parting advice. Then he headed into the pit.

On the ride north to Interstate 90, Tom and I agreed that Wes was the first person we'd met on our journey who seemed to be living our dream lives, doing what he loves and what he's good at, and supporting himself at it. We talked about how we might stay in Ten Sleep and do something that allowed us to live as Wes lived, but we knew we couldn't. For us, there was driving left to do. ■

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Start-up

BY THOMAS C. COOPER

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ON AUGUST 18, STUDENTS AND FACULTY BEGAN MOVING INTO 9 LAKE STREET, the handsomely refurbished hilltop building on the Brighton Campus that is the new home of Boston College's one-year-old School of Theology and Ministry (STM). Among their number were 154 first-year students: graduates of 96 colleges and universities in 30 states and 31 countries. In all, the school comprises 351 students (162 women and 189 men, ages 21 to 74) and 27 faculty members. It is the first new professional school at Boston College since 1952, when the School of Education was founded.

STM's academic mission is four-fold: to educate clerical students for the priesthood; to prepare teachers of theology; to train lay and religious students for jobs in such fields

as pastoral counseling and religious education; and to offer education to adult Catholics in secular professions who want to be better informed in their faith. These purposes draw STM's students toward 15 degree programs.

In the School of Theology and Ministry chapel, backed by a stained-glass Moses, are (from left): Hermann-Habib Kibangou, SJ, of the Republic of Congo; Jean Messingue, SJ, from Cameroon; Brian Banda, SJ, '09 from Zimbabwe; and Rwandan Dorothee Mukamurama (Sister Juvenal of the Benebikira Sisters).

Three existing institutions combined to create STM: The oldest is the Weston Jesuit School of Theology, which was founded in Weston, Massachusetts, in 1922 as a graduate school that prepared men for the priesthood. The school moved to Cambridge in 1968 and in 1972 admitted its first

lay students on a non-ecclesiastical degree track. With the inclusion of Weston, STM constitutes one of six Jesuit ecclesiastical faculties in the United States.

The second tributary in the formation of STM was the 38-year-old Institute of Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry (IREPM). Created at Boston College initially as a summer institute for training priests and nuns, IREPM, by 1996, had a student body that was primarily lay. STM's master of arts in pastoral ministry degree program, which is an outgrowth of IREPM, offers, among other options, a concentration in church management and several dual master's degree programs with other Boston College professional schools leading to combined degrees in pastoral ministry and social work, counseling psychology, business administration, or nursing.

C21 Online, a five-year-old program of non-degree remote education started at Boston College, is the third element of STM. It offers classes such as "Spirituality in the Second Half of Life," and "Teaching Religion" (the high school edition) that have drawn more than 11,000 participants in more than 115 countries.

Out of Africa

Of the 68 international students enrolled in STM, 17 come from countries in Africa, including Cameroon, Republic of Congo, Guyana, Cote D'Ivoire, Rwanda, and Zimbabwe. Unlike many other international graduate students who come to this country, they arrive here with the purpose of returning to their native lands.

The circuitous path of 34-year-old Hermann-Habib Kibangou, SJ, is characteristic. Kibangou left his family in the Republic of Congo at 16 to attend a nearby seminary, having read a story about Jesuits in Africa. "I wanted to be an intellectual; I wanted to know the world; the Jesuit was the man who could be sent anywhere in the world," he says. At 19 he joined the Jesuits. He studied philosophy in the neighboring Democratic Republic of Congo, taught high school French in Chad, then went to Cameroon, where he earned an MA in anthropology and sociology. He later received a master of divinity (centering on Christian theology and tradition) in Spain.

At STM, Kibangou is working toward a licentiate in sacred theology, the second of three degrees in the ecclesiastical degree cycle and the first that follows ordination. Coming from a country that is 60 percent Catholic, he says, makes him want to see "the Church and civil society work together to help us move ahead."

Sister Juvenal, age 58, recently stepped down after 12 years as the Mother General of the Benebikira Sisters in Rwanda. The Benebikira Sisters were founded in 1919

as Rwanda's first indigenous religious order and last year received Pontifical Status, or official recognition, from the Vatican. They educate more than 5,000 children, mostly girls, and operate health clinics, hospitals, orphanages, and guesthouses.

During the 1994 genocide, the Benebikira Sisters remained in Rwanda when many others fled. They lost 20 sisters to the violence. But in the village of Save, the Sisters provided refuge for more than 350 people in their church for two and a half months. In the aftermath, says Sister Juvenal, "we had to rebuild the country, especially to rebuild the people and the society." Sister Juvenal's aim at STM is to pursue an MA in pastoral ministry with a focus on pastoral care and counseling.

Convergence

A distinguishing feature of STM is captured in its title: theology *and* ministry. According to Richard Clifford, SJ, the inaugural dean of STM, the combination of the "practical and ecclesiastic perspective of Weston and the pastoral, lay ministry programs of IREPM [prepares students] to cope with a great deal of change in the future."

The school's curriculum itself reflects significant changes in theological education during the past four decades. Until the early 1970s, Catholic education programs for the laity and vowed religious were kept separate and, in the case of the lay community, were scarce. According to associate professor Randall Sachs, SJ, who was academic dean at Weston Jesuit School of Theology, change occurred because more Catholic lay people began clamoring for ministry education "on a par with the training of priests," and because Jesuits came to believe it essential that they "study in collaboration with lay men and women."

This year, the incoming students at STM are 65 percent lay, and 35 percent priests or members of a religious order. Classes throughout the school are open to all STM students (as are classes in the University's theology department). "You can have the same professor teaching the same material to 30 different people, each with a different reason for being there," says Sean Porter, assistant dean and director of STM admissions.

The two-year master of arts in pastoral ministry program offers what Clifford calls "a practical theology, rooted in parish and diocesan life." In addition to church manage-

Richard Clifford, SJ, dean of the School of Theology and Ministry (center), with Barbara Radtke, who came to STM by way of C21 Online; Randall Sachs, SJ, (seated) of Weston Jesuit School of Theology; and Thomas Groome (right) of the Institute of Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry.





ment, one can study health care ministry, spirituality and justice, or liturgy and worship, among other subjects. In the words of Professor Thomas Groome, professor of theology

A group of master of theological studies students, in STM's 225,000-volume library on the Brighton Campus (from left): James O'Sullivan, Edward Kendrick, Daniel Cosacchi, Julie O'Heir, Marina Pastrana '08, Erik Hesla, Karl LaClair, Brett Thatcher, and Christopher Harrigan.

and religious education, who oversees the program, "theological education, pastoral preparation, and spiritual formation of lay ecclesial ministers is our *raison d'être*."

The five-year-old C21 Online, under the leadership of Barbara Radtke, who holds a Ph.D. in theology, has as its mission the "ongoing formation of Catholic adults and parish volunteers," says Radtke, as well as the "professional development of Catholic schoolteachers and professional



lay ministers.” The curriculum currently offers 23 courses, including one—“La Muerte de Jesús: Cuatro Narrativas Evangélicas”—in Spanish.

The curriculum of STM is accessible to students of all faiths, in keeping with the Ignatian tradition of being “open to the world,” says Sachs. This year’s entering STM students included Episcopal/Anglican, Methodist, Presbyterian, Unitarian Universalist, Baptist, Orthodox, and Lu-

theran students. And international students enroll in STM at roughly twice the percentage of that at other Boston College professional schools.

The many sides of theology

STM defines its master of theological studies (MTS) as a two-year “disciplined course of study in Catholic theology.” In a sense, this is Catholic theology for civilians, distinct from the three-year master of divinity program, which grounds students in the subject as preparation for clerical or lay ministry. In practice, the two programs often share course offerings.

Second-year student Marina Pastrana '08 says she “always wanted to be a CEO.” As an accounting major in the Carroll School of Management, she involved herself in service programs and volunteer work, leading trips to El Salvador, joining Arrupe missions, running Successful Start, the University’s financial literacy program for Boston College students, and working for the Montserrat Coalition, an organization at Boston College whose goal is to provide low-income children with tickets to cultural events they couldn’t otherwise attend. It’s a situation the Mexican-born Pastrana recalls vividly from her undergraduate years. “I went through what those students went through. I remember other BC students going downtown for dinner and thinking to myself, ‘that would be nice.’” In the MTS program, she says she is acquiring a theological underpinning that she can take with her into the business world. “Whether you’re in investments or real estate, it’s important to give back to your community,” she says.

Pastrana’s classmate Dan Cosacchi has a different goal: He was a theology major at Fordham University, and wants to become a theology professor. Cosacchi sees the interactions between lay and ordination-track students at STM as beneficial for the Church. In the future, he says, “It will be helpful for priests to know there is a depth to the laity, which they can draw on.” Cosacchi will take all his fall 2010 classes on the Chestnut Hill Campus.

A woman’s place

Eleven female students are enrolled alongside 32 men in the master of divinity program, which is intended as training for priestly and lay ministry.

Raised in Kansas, Rebecca Camacho '07 majored in theology and international studies at Boston College. She also rowed crew, participated in a hip-hop dance group, joined service programs, and studied in El Salvador. After graduation, she volunteered at Annunciation House, an





emergency immigrant shelter in El Paso, Texas, then taught freshman religion at the Jesuit Cristo Rey High School in New York City. Camacho enrolled at STM to pursue a dual graduate degree in pastoral ministry and social work. Out of a deepening interest in ministry education and faith formation, she transferred this fall into the master of divinity program. As a woman in a traditionally male subject area, Camacho feels certain tensions: “You have to deal with the reality that many of your classmates are going to go on to be ordained priests whereas you, although you have the same training and education, are not,” she says. “And because many women are going into specifically ministerial or teaching roles outside of the priesthood, they may tend toward a more practical or pastoral theology. . . . Sometimes this

approach can clash with more traditional theological understandings held by seminarians.”

In that sense, she says, STM is “a microcosm of the Church, and the world at large,” and she believes the master of divinity degree will allow her to “understand more of what the seminarians are going through. I don’t think I’m called to be a priest, but I do want to be able to articulate what this faith is and to have a grounding as rich and deep as it can be.” After she receives her degree, Camacho would like to work in campus ministry.

Camacho’s classmate Ohio native Jen Grieco graduated from the College of the Holy Cross in 2001 with a degree in accounting, then spent a couple of years, in her words, “flying around, trying to see where I fit in.” She worked at the faith-based L’Arche community in Mobile, Alabama, helping developmentally disabled individuals. In 2007 Grieco enrolled at John Carroll University in Cleveland to pursue a degree in counseling but a year later transferred to STM to study for a dual master of divinity and master’s in counseling psychology, because she feels “one cannot separate ministry

OPPOSITE: Three of the women studying for a master of divinity degree, in the choir loft of the new chapel at 9 Lake (from left): Rebecca Camacho '07, Jocelyn Collen, and Jennifer Grieco.

ABOVE: Faculty members Dominic Doyle (left) and Daniel Harrington, SJ, in a 9 Lake classroom.



from a deep understanding and appreciation of psychology." Of the master of divinity degree, she notes that it will help in her "ecumenical work in the broader world. Also, I'm studying subjects I wouldn't initiate on my own, like canonical law."

Like her two peers, Jocelyn Collen brings a background in service to STM. A 2005 graduate of Fairfield University, she spent a year volunteering at FrancisCorps, a Franciscan lay volunteer organization, followed by two years at Fairfield's Center for Faith and Public Life and the Center for Catholic Studies. She chose the master of divinity degree program because it was the "most complete degree I could achieve." Collen echoes Camacho and Grieco's desire to gain the same breadth and depth of knowledge as the seminarians. She says she does feel called to be ordained, but if that remains impossible, she'll work in the Church doing education and service work.

Timeless

Dominic Doyle, an assistant professor of systematic theology (the study of the integrated whole of Christian faith and tradition), is, at 37, the STM faculty's youngest member. Born in England of Irish parents, he received an undergraduate degree in theology and religious studies at the University of Cambridge, after which he spent two years teaching history and literature in Sri Lanka. In 1996, Doyle enrolled at Harvard Divinity School, earning a master of theological studies (and taking a course there from future STM professor Daniel Harrington, SJ, on the Gospel of Mark), before entering Boston College's doctoral program in theology. At Boston College, he began to study the writings of Bernard Lonergan, SJ, the 20th-century theologian who wrote that "questions are our friends." Doyle thinks that theology should "leave room for perplexity," and he sees STM as "a space for people to explore the meaning of their ministry." Doyle's most recent book is entitled *The Promise of Christian Humanism: Thomas Aquinas on Hope* (Herder & Herder, forthcoming). His latest Twitter entry ran: "forgive me, twitter, it has been five months since my last tweet."

New Testament scholar Daniel Harrington, SJ, age 75, was born in nearby Arlington, Massachusetts, and educated in Boston. He holds five degrees, including a 2009 honorary degree from Boston College and a Ph.D. from Harvard in Near Eastern languages and literature. During his studies, he and Richard Clifford, SJ, current dean of STM, read the

Hebrew Bible together. From 1972 to 2008 he was a professor of New Testament at Weston Jesuit School of Theology. In addition to serving as editor of *New Testament Abstracts*, a research tool for scholars that annually synthesizes some 2,100 articles and more than 800 books, Harrington is a prolific author. He doesn't know the exact number of his books, saying only that it is "more than 40."

Ordination bound

Three religious orders send their men to STM for pre-ordination theological studies: the Jesuits, Redemptorists, and Capuchins. STM offers two degrees that satisfy the Church's academic theological requirements for ordination: the bachelor of sacred theology (STB), which is the first canonical degree in the Church's ecclesiastical cycle of studies; and the master of divinity, which in the United States is accepted in lieu of the STB. All 37 candidates for priesthood now studying at STM chose the master of divinity program. Demographically, the students from male religious orders break down into 54 Jesuits, eight Capuchins, and seven Redemptorists.

Among STM students, the course to ordination is rarely straight. Joel Medina, SJ, age 54, spent 20 years as a registered nurse before joining the Jesuits. Richard Mattox, OFM Cap, age 40, was born in Lima, Peru, where he learned English from American nuns. At age 11 he moved with his family to Miami. Mattox earned a degree in sociology at Divine Word College in Epworth, Iowa, a Catholic school focused on educating missionaries, then spent five years in Japan teaching English to high school students. He joined the Jesuits but later felt called to the Capuchins and is now in his second year at STM.

Another second-year student, Aaron Pidel, SJ, is, at age 30, the youngest American Jesuit at STM. Raised in Augusta, Georgia, Pidel studied psychology at a local community college and received a BA in humanities and Catholic culture from Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio, before joining the Society of Jesus in 2000. He then taught classics at a Jesuit high school in New Orleans. Elton Letang, C.Ss.R., age 35, is a native of the Caribbean island of Dominica. He joined the missionary order of Redemptorists in 2004 and has since worked and studied in St. Croix, New York City, Chicago, and Washington, D.C.

Forty-eight students are currently at STM pursuing advanced canonical degrees: 37 of these are studying for their licentiate in sacred theology, the second degree in the ecclesiastical cycle; 11 seek a doctorate in sacred theology, the third and final degree. These programs prepare individuals for teaching and for official work and leadership within the Church. ■

Ordination candidates in the main hallway adjacent to the chapel (from left): Elton Letang, C.Ss.R., Ernest Bedard, OFM Cap, Christopher Duffy, SJ, Joel Medina, SJ, Aaron Pidel, SJ, and Richard Mattox, OFM Cap.



THE DRUNKARD'S PROGRESS.

Drug of Choice

ARE WE HELPLESS AGAINST ADDICTION—IS IT TRULY A SICKNESS?

SEARCHING FOR THE ROOTS OF CHEMICAL DEPENDENCE

By Gene M. Heyman

Debate over the causes of addiction has a long history. In the early 17th century, British clergy warned their congregations about the “disease” of alcoholism, which according to one cleric was “so epidemical” that “all the Physicians in *England* know not how to stop it.” The clergy called alcoholism a disease because they assumed their parishioners would not knowingly engage in self-destructive behavior. They had no medical evidence for their claim, and the public, as well as most of the medical world, took the alternate view that people got drunk because they liked to, not because they had to.

Starting in the late 18th century, though, a number of doctors in the United States and England began calling self-destructive drug and alcohol use a disease. In America, this movement was initiated by Benjamin Rush, a signer of the Declaration of Independence and professor of medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, who, in his 1785 “Inquiry into the Effects of Ardent Spirits on the Human Body and Mind” wrote that “drunkenness resembles certain heredi-

tary, family, and contagious diseases.” More recently, Dr. W.D. Silkworth, a Manhattan physician and early supporter of the Alcoholics Anonymous program, proposed in his preface to the 1939 volume, *Alcoholics Anonymous*, the program’s basic text, that alcoholics have an “allergy.” The allergen is alcohol, and the allergic reaction is loss of control over drinking. One drink leads to another, which leads to another, just as ragweed pollen initiates a fit of sneezing.

Today, reams of clinical texts and articles in medical journals refer to addiction as a chronic, relapsing illness that

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should be classified with diseases such as Alzheimer's and Type 2 diabetes. This perspective was captured in a 2003 comment delivered at the world's foremost conference on addiction research, sponsored by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA, a division of the National Institutes of Health). Speaking from the floor, a much-published specialist in the field stated that addiction is a disease "because it has a genetic basis, and we do not choose our genes."

The remark expresses a widely held idea: If an activity has a genetic basis, it is not voluntary. There is an intuitive appeal in this claim. But is it true? Aren't there activities we engage in that are voluntary *and* have a genetic component? If so, far from being beyond control, addiction may be a voluntary act.

RESEARCH ON THE ROLE OF GENETICS in addiction has focused on alcoholics because it is easier to conduct multigenerational studies when the drug in question is legal. The fundamental finding has been that alcoholism runs in families, even when the family members do not live together. Dr. Robert Cloninger of Washington University Medical School in St. Louis led a project, reported in 1987, that illustrates this point. The research was carried out in Sweden, a country in which adoption is not uncommon and where the medical histories of biological and nonbiological parents are a matter of record.

Cloninger studied 1,700 men who had been given up for adoption at an average age of four months. He found that the rates of alcoholism among individuals whose biological fathers were "severe" alcoholics were nearly identical regardless of whether their adoptive father was an alcoholic or a teetotaler (18 versus 17 percent). In other words, if the biological father was a severe alcoholic, the drinking behavior of the adopting parent did not matter.

Genetic studies of illicit drug users yield similar findings. In a representative analysis from 2000, Dr. Kenneth Kendler and his colleagues at the Medical College of Virginia and Virginia Commonwealth University tabulated the correlations in illegal drug use and illegal drug addiction for fraternal and identical twins. Their hypothesis was that if a genetic basis for addiction existed, the actions of identical twins would be more alike than those of fraternal twins. The results for casual, nonaddictive drug use showed little

difference between identical and fraternal twins. If one twin had experimented with an illicit drug, there was about a 75 percent chance the other had done so. But the numbers for drug addiction were markedly different. If one fraternal twin was dependent on drugs, there was only about a 25 percent chance that his twin was also dependent; whereas, if one identical twin was dependent, there was a 40 percent chance that his identical brother was also dependent.

Studies such as these leave little doubt that genes play an important role in the etiology of addiction. But they also suggest that genes may not play the leading role. It's worth noting that the correlation for addiction among identical twins in the Virginia study was far from 100 percent,

and that fewer than 20 percent of the biological sons of serious alcoholics in the Swedish survey became alcoholics, even if their adoptive fathers were alcoholics. The pathway from DNA to addiction appears to be indirect, with genes programming proteins that affect the probability of addiction rather than ensuring a particular outcome. If this is so, then genes do not preclude choice.

THE LATE CARTOONIST CHARLES Addams (creator of the Addams Family) once published a cartoon of identical twins separated at birth who encounter each other in the waiting room of a patent attorney. Dressed alike (down to the pens in their pocket protectors), they hold on their laps identical gizmos. In recent years, researchers have focused on the notion that interests, occupations, and even personal idiosyncrasies run in families, and that genes play an important role.

They've examined, for instance, the function of heredity in social attitudes, such as support for the death penalty and whether women should have nondomestic professions. One of the most interesting studies, carried out in 1990 by University of Minnesota professor Neils Waller and associates and reported in *Psychological Science*, evaluated the role of genes in the religious beliefs of twins.

The twins studied by Waller were all separated in their first year and grew up in different families. Questionnaires gathered their views about the nature of God, the literal accuracy of biblical stories, and the role of prayer in their lives. Fraternal twins agreed at about a chance level while identical twins agreed with significant—though not total—consistency. These results do not stand alone. There are

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many studies on the heritability of attitudes and beliefs, and they typically show that beliefs reflect genetic as well as societal influences. The same is true for other interests. Stories of precociously talented musicians, for example, suggest that genetic endowment affects musical ability. Yet a career in music also depends on environmental influences and many choices—the musical program at one's school, for example, and the teachers one selects—plus some luck. In short, genes play a role in what ultimately amounts to voluntary behavior.

The picture is similar with drug addiction. Large-scale population studies, intensive neighborhood studies, and one-on-one interviews all reveal that familiar motivations—a wish for more respect from family members, worry about finances, the desire to be free of the hassles that accompany illegal activity—eventually persuade most drug addicts to quit. Epidemiological studies show that most drug addicts quit by about age 30, without the assistance of clinical intervention. By contrast, personal, financial, and legal concerns have little or no direct influence on the symptoms of schizophrenia, Alzheimer's disease, and other true brain diseases. Worries about job security do not halt a schizophrenic's hallucinations, but the record shows that a threat to job security often brings addicts' drug use to a stop.

Not all addicts quit, to be sure. Life's complications lead to different choices by different people. However, individual differences notwithstanding, the major epidemiological surveys show that addiction has the highest recovery rate of any psychiatric disorder.

A MORE RECENT ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF THE addiction-as-disease notion springs from technological advances in studying the structure and function of the brain. It is now possible with magnetic resonance imaging to observe the brain as it experiences emotions, say, or commits a fact to memory, or makes a decision to take a drug. The drug-related studies have shed new light on how drugs work and in recent years have become the primary pillar supporting claims that addiction is a disease. Alan Leshner, director of NIDA from 1994 until 2001, put the case most succinctly in a 1997 paper in *Science*: "That addiction is tied to changes in brain structure and function is what makes it, fundamentally, a brain disease." Glen Hanson, Leshner's successor at NIDA, makes the same point in slightly different words: "Addiction comes about as a result of the long-lasting effects of drugs on brain function. Therefore we say it is a brain disease."

Hundreds of experimental reports published during the last decade or so validate the idea that drugs alter the brain. This makes sense. Drugs change behavior, mood, and thought; the brain is the organ controlling these actions; hence drugs change the brain. Indeed, given our biological

nature, all factors influencing behavior do so by altering the brain. The research supporting this logic helps explain why addicts can have such high recovery rates.

A study on brain plasticity and obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD) is revealing. Individuals with OCD are plagued by disturbing thoughts. They find temporary relief by engaging in ritualized behaviors that address their obsessions. For example, the idea that one's hands are swarming with infectious bacteria can be relieved by washing. But then the thought returns, and with it the motivation to wash one's hands. Therapists have developed behavioral and cognitive techniques that help OCD patients ignore their disturbing thoughts. Follow-up studies show that these techniques are effective. This implies that the techniques must have changed the brain. A 1998 study by Jeffrey Schwartz, a psychiatrist at UCLA's Semel Institute who specializes in OCD treatment, confirmed this inference.

Schwartz and his colleagues trained OCD patients to disregard their obsessive thoughts. This led to a marked reduction in compulsive rituals and also in the intrusive thoughts. The researchers measured neural activity in areas of the brain associated with OCD symptoms. For those patients who learned to ignore their obsessions, activity levels in the critical brain areas were similar to those of OCD-free control subjects. (Drugs that help ameliorate compulsive behavior produced similar changes in brain activity.) Summarizing these findings, Schwartz writes: "Change your behavior, change your brain." This comment captures the dynamic quality of brain and behavior interactions, but it leaves out the clinicians and their contribution. They gave their patients encouragement and techniques for replacing compulsions with less disruptive activities. A more accurate summary of the OCD treatment results is: "Change the conditions, change your behavior, change your brain."

If OCD patients can learn to dismiss their disturbing thoughts, then it seems reasonable to suggest that similar processes are taking place when motivated addicts learn to ignore drug cravings. Ex-addicts often report that they discovered techniques for not giving in to their cravings, such as going to the gym or reminding themselves that they quit their addiction for a good reason. Just as genetic influences do not imply a disease state, drug-induced brain change is not a sufficient sign of disease. Drugs alter the brain, but the evidence shows that they do not do so in ways that prevent addicts from quitting. ■

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Delivery system

By Patrick J. McCloskey

In Harlem, the singular methods of a Catholic high school principal

PRINCIPAL ORLANDO GOBER strides into the cafeteria of Rice High School at Lenox Avenue and 124th Street, New York City, to address the new students at their orientation. Rice is a Christian Brothers school, named for Blessed Edmund Rice, who founded the order in Ireland at the beginning of the 19th century to teach children of the poor. The order's legacy now includes educating some portion of the mostly black and Latino students of Harlem.

Gober is neither a priest nor a brother. His pumpkin-hued suit, black shirt, and rust-tinted tie attract attention. The orange tones vibrate warmly against his dark brown skin, and he exudes confidence and strength. Gober knows his presence can be intimidating, which is useful in establishing leadership, but he also wants the young men to feel welcome. He smiles expansively. It is Wednesday, September

8, 1999, and at 8:28 A.M., he will take charge of their high school careers as both school administrator and father figure.

Gober's suit has been tailored to fall gracefully over his six-foot two-inch frame. He weighs 250 pounds, with a slight thickening at his midsection, but otherwise looks fit for a 46-year-old. He projects a robust, invincible energy and moves with studied ease, although not with the grace of a natural athlete. Gober is buoyed by the righteous pride of a chief elder.

To ensure that his entrance would be dramatic, Gober had kept the door to his office off the school's foyer closed. For this first morning of the school year and only this one time, he avoided socializing with students and answering questions from the many parents who accompanied their ninth graders to school to take care of tuition payments. Better to sweep into



Rice seniors on May 26, 2000, before their graduation march into St. Patrick's Cathedral

the assembly as if from a higher dimension, to establish that he is the general in "the war against the culture of academic failure," as he says. Few of Rice's arriving students perform at grade level in all their subject areas.

ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE PAIRS OF eyes are riveted on the principal as he approaches the podium. The ninth graders, together with eight new upperclassmen, sit in complete silence on plastic molded chairs, in rows forming three sides of a rectangle around six-inch risers that here function as a stage. Five pillars run down the center of the room holding the acoustic tiled ceiling at dunking distance above the green and black tiled floor. The students sway in their seats, as if rocked gently by the breeze slipping through clattering vertical blinds from 124th Street. Most of the young men wear their hair

shorn nearly to the scalp, and all appear exceptionally well groomed. Rice students are allowed to wear their hair as they choose, within reason. Typically, close-cropped styles dominate in September. By spring, a third of the students have hair long enough for braids or an Afro.

Gober steps onto the stage without notes to address Rice's largest freshman class in more than a decade, trusting that God will inspire the right words to flow from his mouth. "You are going to learn how to empower yourself, how to take charge of your own education," he begins softly. It is a message the new students will hear daily in various versions until it seeps into their dreams at night.

"You'll make the decision to be an A student, or a B student, or worse," he continues. "You—not your parents or your teachers." Young minority males who have never seen a black man in a position of real

authority lean forward to listen. The idea of being responsible for oneself and fulfilling that charge is new and scary. Many of them have attended low-functioning public schools since kindergarten. When asked by a reporter later to describe their educational experiences, a few recount using cell phones to talk to friends on the other side of a classroom, because it was too noisy to shout.

Gober rubs a hand over his wiry black hair, trimmed short and sculpted as if to square the roundness of his head. Behind aviator-style glasses, his eyes shine as he launches into an explanation of his academic expectations: The passing grade is 70 percent, he says, but that's merely a minimum requirement at Rice. Each student here, he emphasizes, can make the honor roll.

Two-thirds of the students inhale at once. This is a moment of challenge.



Christian Brother William Sherlog teaches humanities to Rice juniors on February 14, 2000.

Many of the freshmen scored low enough on Rice's entrance exam that they were required to attend a summer readiness program—five weeks of remedial math and English classes. They know that their new school makes real academic demands.

Although the majority of freshmen enter with academic deficiencies, Rice accepts few who score below the fifth-grade level on entrance tests. Urban Catholic high schools don't have the resources to remediate students approaching functional illiteracy. By contrast, so-called zoned public high schools, which are obliged to register students living within their geographic range, must accept such youngsters. This accounts for some of the difference in outcomes—the higher graduation rates in Catholic high schools, for instance. But the public system also has much more funding and personnel dedicated to educating those students who lag far behind.

TO BE FAIR, STUDENTS FROM INNER-city Catholic elementary schools aren't necessarily more prepared than public school students for high school work. Many children transfer in and out of these schools, depending on their parents' ability to pay tuition at any given time. Moreover, urban Catholic elementary tuitions are kept so low that these schools generally spend one-fifth what their public coun-

terparts lay out per student, sometimes pushing the no-frills approach beyond its effective limit.

Gober promises the young men that their teachers will show them how to succeed, and that he is always available to discuss academic problems and arrange tutoring. He addresses any lingering doubts with the assurance that "all we have to do is call upon the presence of God; I can do all things through Christ who *strengthens* me."

He pronounces "strengthens" in a stirring crescendo, and for a moment it seems that the students will respond by breaking into a chorus of "Amen." Gober grew up in a Lutheran congregation, joined several evangelical churches, and then became Catholic after signing on with Rice as dean of students six years ago. The preacher in his bones has taken little notice of his latest conversion.

On his jacket's left lapel, Gober wears two buttons. One reads "Rice Men, You Are Worthy. Believe It." The other shows the letter "N" struck through with a red line. Gober's first campaign when he arrived at Rice was to ban the word "nigger" from the building. At first, the students had trouble understanding why, since they heard the word used often in the street, and sometimes at home. The N-word hasn't disappeared completely from the students' vocabulary, but it is

seldom uttered within the school walls and never in a teacher's presence. As a result, says Gober, there's been a noticeable improvement in the camaraderie and civility among students.

As Gober stands on Rice's little stage, about a dozen black men seem to peer over his shoulders from various angles, as if trying to communicate with the new students, too. They are the patron saints of the civil rights movement: Frederick Douglass, Marcus Garvey, Malcolm X, Martin Luther King, Jr., Nelson Mandela, and so on. Their portraits float on white clouds in a blue sky, part of a 45-foot mural painted by a local artist and paid for by the class of 1992. Most freshmen don't know who these men are. They might have heard names like Booker T. Washington and W.E.B. DuBois at their grade schools during Black History Month, but they have little curiosity about older black males. For some, the presence of a father in their lives is a question mark; for others, it's a drawn-out ellipsis.

Gober ends his talk by presenting each student with a Bic pen as a welcoming gift. All the pens have been engraved with a favorite slogan of his, either "Attitude Is Everything" or "Believe and Succeed." A few have something extra.

"Does any student have masking tape on his pen?" Gober asks.

Three young men rise tentatively to their feet, unsure of whether this bodes well for them.

"On Monday, you'll get a free lunch on me," the principal announces.

A loud "Oooohhhh!" rolls around the cafeteria as the three students smile broadly. In 1993, when Gober became dean, he instituted rewards for good behavior after realizing that many students got into trouble partly because detentions and "talkings-to" brought them the attention they ached for. Now there's a behavior honor roll, a Student of the Month Award for each grade, a "Goodfinders" list for students who turn in lost property, and a bulletin board honoring "Responsible Men." After every marking period, Gober throws pizza parties or shows movies to reward good grades and positive conduct. This year, he hopes to extend the practice to random groupings of students, as a way of "affirming each one's intrinsic value,"

he says, and encouraging positive feelings about the school.

Gober smiles to signal the end of what amounts to his induction ceremony. He has effectively adopted the new students as Rice Men and sons. Now they file toward the stairwell and their assigned classrooms holding their pens in their fists like wizard's wands—which perhaps they are. Writing instruments are history's most transformative invention, and learning to use one properly will profoundly change the lives of these young men.

The stakes are high. If a young man stays four years at Rice, he will graduate and be accepted into college, or perhaps choose a career in the military. If he does even reasonably well, overt or subtle forms of affirmative action—together with need-based financial aid—will make it feasible for him to attend college. On the other hand, if a young man leaves Rice, he will almost certainly attend a low-performing public high school where less than a third of students graduate and only a few go on to post-secondary schooling.

GOBER SLIPS QUIETLY BACK INTO HIS office. He is pleased he was able to command the attention of 14- and 15-year-olds for almost half an hour—no small feat given their predilection for fast-paced video games. He pads across the worn industrial carpet to his desk against the wall, complaining about the stuffy office with its one, narrow window. The principal could install himself more comfortably in an office one flight up, on the second floor, but here it is easy for students to flow in and out. And they do, from early morning into the evening.

Gober long ago resolved not to waste time on what he considers pointless discussions, and one parent now finds that out. There is a knock at the door. Gober rises, with noticeable effort, and directs the mother of a prospective sophomore to the couch along the wall opposite his desk. He asks her why she wants her son to attend Rice. The woman responds with a lengthy monologue about violence in public schools. Gober asks about the young man's grades. The mother apologizes for her son's mediocre performance, blaming it on gang activity.

"We've been talking for 20 minutes

now," Gober finally says with obvious exasperation, "and you haven't asked one question about our academic program. I know safety's an important concern these days, but Rice High School was not built for the sole purpose of protecting your son."

Gober pauses to give the mother a chance to respond, but she's dumbfounded. "I'm not going to waste your money," he continues. "Clearly, Rice is not the right school for your son. You need to get your priorities in order before enrolling him here." The woman's face registers dismay and she begins to protest. Gober stands and directs her curtly back to the foyer, then closes the door sharply behind her.

Last year, Gober became the first African American to head this or any of the 18 Christian Brothers academies in the country. In fact, Gober is the first black high school principal in the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of New York, which includes Manhattan, Staten Island, and the Bronx in New York City and seven counties extending north to the foothills of the Catskill Mountains—2.5 million Catholics in 402 parishes.

As recently as the early 1960s, 36 percent of New York City's school-age children attended parochial schools. In a way, the academic success of those schools contributed to the difficulties they now face. As Catholics became more affluent, they tended to move out of the parish-centered urban villages where their schools had been built. At about the same time, for entirely different reasons relating to changes in Catholic culture, the ranks of nuns, brothers, and priests thinned dramatically. The proportion of religious staff at Catholic schools has plummeted from an overall high of 96 percent to 4 percent. At this writing, the Christian Brothers do not have a novice in training in all of North and South America. This matters partly because lay teachers must be paid many times more than the religious they replace, and school costs have spiraled. Rice's tuition was \$400 in 1963; in 1999, Gober's seventh year at the high school, it was \$3,550; in 2009 it is \$5,750.

African Americans, who for the most part are not Catholic, were long uninterested in sending their children to parochial schools, since many urban public schools remained viable into the 1980s. The need

for alternatives has increased since then. Recent figures show blacks accounting for 7.6 percent of Catholic school enrollment, and that 14.9 percent of parochial students identify as non-Catholic.

Recent years have seen waves of Catholic school closings, as diocese and religious orders can no longer support their financial deficits. Sadly, the institutions most vulnerable to closing are the ones serving the most vulnerable populations. Almost 45 percent of all Catholic schools are still located in urban areas.

AT 11:30 A.M., GOBER STANDS IN THE hallway between the main office and the stairs down to the front door. He shakes hands with his students as they're dismissed. Some take his hand and pump vigorously, while others seem confused by the gesture. Gober doesn't know all their faces yet. The variations in size and physical maturity are striking. One appears prepubescent while the next looks almost like a man. Regardless, Gober has conferred Rice Man status on them all.

An incident this morning affirms that, given an opportunity, the students will honor the Rice tradition. A freshman left his Walkman under his chair in the cafeteria when he went upstairs after the orientation. A classmate found the Walkman and brought it to the school office to become the year's first "Goodfinder."

Directly behind Gober, and rising about six inches above him, is a large statue of Blessed Edmund Rice, set on a pedestal. The shiny white plaster representation looms over the principal like a guardian angel. A new student pauses with a question. Why, he asks Gober, was the school named after a type of food? The principal laughs loudly and makes a mental note to have the freshman religion teacher clarify the point. ■

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The Bethany Road, depicted by Henry Ossawa Tanner around 1905

Who is that, who walks beside you?

By Paul Mariani

For the poet, words are an act of faith

THERE'S A MOMENT IN T.S. ELIOT'S *The Waste Land* that has stayed with me for over 50 years now. It is a dream-like moment in a dreamlike poem, where what is real and what is a mere fiction of the imagination cross and re-cross the mind's eye as if at the corner of one's sight.

The passage occurs in the last section of the poem, the part Eliot composed while recovering from a nervous breakdown in an asylum in Geneva, Switzerland, in the winter of 1921–22. A father recently dead (“those are pearls that were his eyes”), the poet’s marriage to the vivacious, unstable Vivien on the rocks, Eliot’s search for something substantial or even consubstantial that would hold up against the splintering fragments of contemporary civilization—all of these the poem records. But also more: water for the thirsty seeker.

“If there were water,” Eliot’s indeterminate ghost-self sighs,

If there were water
And no rock
If there were rock
And also water
And water
A spring
A pool among the rock
If there were the sound of water only
Not the cicada
And dry grass singing
But sound of water over a rock
Where the hermit-thrush sings in the
pine trees
Drip drop drip drop drop drop drop.

Where he finds himself now, in the arid wasteland of the self, “there is no water.” Only desert, and a cold one at that, and the fevered mind, moving to

and fro between two worlds, begins to hallucinate.

The passage, Eliot the pilgrim tells us in one of his famous footnotes, was “stimulated by the account of one of the Antarctic expeditions.” He can’t remember which, he says, but thinks it was “one of Shackleton’s.” As Eliot recollects it, “the party of explorers, at the extremity of their strength, had the constant delusion that there was *one more member* than could actually be counted.”

The source is indeed Sir Ernest Shackleton, whose memoir of the polar expedition undertaken at the height of World War I recounts a grueling march “of 36 hours over the unnamed mountains and glaciers of South Georgia,” when it seemed to him “that we were four, not three.” Here is how Eliot reconfigures that scene in the final section of *The Waste Land*, cutting the number of travelers from three to two, expanded inexplicably by the hooded stranger at their side in the harrowing moment:

Who is the third who walks always
beside you?
When I count, there are only you and
I together
But when I look ahead up the white
road
There is always another one walking
beside you
Gliding wrapt in a brown mantle,
hooded
I do not know whether a man or a
woman
—But who is that on the other side
of you?

Anyone who has read Luke’s Gospel knows what this passage echoes, as undoubtedly it was meant to do: The scene takes place on that first Easter Sunday, when two of Christ’s downtrodden disciples are on the road to a village some seven miles from Jerusalem. “They were talking with each other about everything that had happened,” Luke tells us—the surprise capture of Jesus in the garden, his rushed trial and execution by crucifixion outside the city walls. The Jewish and Roman authorities had done away with this troublesome, charismatic figure, and his disciples had scattered like shot dogs in a field.

Suddenly, while they are discussing

these catastrophic events, Jesus is there, walking with them, three now, where a moment before there seemed to be only two, though—as Luke tells us—“they were kept from recognizing him.”

The figure asks the two pilgrims what it is they are discussing. “They stood still,” Luke says, “their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, ‘Are you only a visitor to Jerusalem and do not know the things that have happened there in these days?’”

“What things?” the figure asks.

“About Jesus of Nazareth,” they reply. And they tell him of the last few days (“we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel”), not leaving out how the women disciples had gone to the tomb and found it empty.

Jesus listens, then chides them for not taking to heart the words of the prophets who went before: “Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?” Then, according to Luke, he went on to explain to them “what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.”

With darkness coming on, the figure agrees to stay with the two for the night at their invitation, and Luke’s narrative continues:

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. . . . They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and . . . told what had happened on the way, and how they recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

In the breaking of the bread. Luke’s passage always stirs me, because it contains in outline the essentials of the Mass. “And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets,” Luke writes, “Jesus explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.” There we have the first part of the Mass: readings from the Old and New Testament and the Psalms, followed in turn by words of encouragement, and then the incredible gift of the breaking of the bread, as Christ’s very self—his body and his blood—is shared by the entire faith community.

For me, as for others, from Robert Southwell and Gerard Manley Hopkins to G.K. Chesterton and David Jones to Eliot himself and Robert Lowell and John Berryman and Denise Levertov and Ron Hansen and Franz Wright and Mary Karr, this story of the one who walks beside us has been at the center of what we believe, and why we write as we do. It is the core, the central brotherhood and sisterhood, if you will, the lens of companionship. *Compan.* The word at its root means those with whom we would share our bread, which includes, finally, whoever approaches the table.

There are really two activities that I can point to over a lifetime of teaching and writing, and they are intertwined: the word and that toward which the word aims—the deeper reality within appear-

ances. Or, as Hopkins has said, the inscape of the thing. Call it the sacramental aspect of things, the sense that the Mystery hovers over all, illumines things, shines through them. Even more, that Christ plays—as Hopkins says—in 10,000 faces not his. A hundred blessings a day to count, Jewish tradition has it.

Points of light, grace notes, luminations, call them what you will. ■

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Coming events

December 1 » Catholic Renewal and Reform: Four Decades Sharing in the Jesuit Mission in Higher Education

Historian David O’Brien began teaching Roman Catholic studies at the College of the Holy Cross in 1969; this year, he joined the faculty of the University of Dayton. He will discuss lessons learned during 40 years working with the Society of Jesus in higher education.

December 2 » Advent Series at the BC Club

A talk by James Fleming, SJ, of Boston College’s Office of Mission and Ministry, on the office’s biannual survey of fourth-year students.

December 2 » Unwrapping Faith for Our Children: Helping the Young Challenge Consumerism

A discussion on developing children’s faith in a consumer-oriented society. The speakers will be Mary M. Doyle Roche, assistant professor of religious studies at the College of the Holy Cross, and Juliet Schor, professor of sociology at Boston College and the author of *Born to Buy: The Commercialized Child and the New Consumer Culture* (2004).

December 9 » Advent Series at the BC Club

Todd Kenny, SJ, will share the newness of his ordination to the priesthood. Fr. Kenny is working toward a licentiate in sacred theology degree at Boston College’s School of Theology and Ministry. He graduated from Boston College in 1995 with a major in environmental science.

December 16 » Advent Series at the BC Club

John Wronski, SJ, headmaster of Nativity Preparatory School in Boston, will give a talk on the school’s programs.

For details of these and other events, consult the Church in the 21st Century Center’s website at www.bc.edu/church21.

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From the Burns Library

These three pieces, shown at actual size, span roughly 27 centuries. The youngest is the papyrus fragment, at left, which dates to 300–600 A.D. The two lines of text (there are six more on the back) are Coptic, the first Egyptian writing system to denote vowels. The scarab, at bottom, is lapis lazuli and dates from the New Kingdom of Egypt, circa 1550–1070 B.C. The Mesopotamian clay tablet (upper right) is from the third dynasty of Ur, 2100–2000 B.C., and is the oldest item in the Burns collections. It depicts a field and is inscribed with 13 lines of Sumerian cuneiform script—the earliest known writing system.





Trotsky, circa 1922

RED INK

By Bertrand M. Patenaude '77

After the revolution, Trotsky's fight to save Russian literature

WHEN IT CAME TO ART, MARXIST THEORIST LEON Trotsky (1879–1940) confessed he was never more than a dilettante. On the subject of literature, however, he could claim to be an authority. In the years following the 1917 Russian Revolution, Trotsky became Soviet Russia's most influential literary critic and, despite numerous and powerful foes—Joseph Stalin chief among them—its most effective advocate of freedom in all of the arts.

Trotsky began writing literary criticism in 1900 in the midst of a two-year exile in the Irkutsk region of Siberia, imposed by the czarist government for his role as a member of the South Russia Workers' Union. While in exile, he became a regular contributor to the Irkutsk paper *Eastern Review*. The young radical stood up for literary tradition. In an appreciative essay devoted to Nikolai Gogol in 1902, on the 50th anniversary of the writer's death, Trotsky defended the author of *Dead Souls* from fellow radicals

who found Gogol's social criticism too timid. When all was said and done, Trotsky argued, Gogol was the "father of Russian comedy and the Russian novel," the first "truly national writer."

"The novel is our daily bread," Trotsky once remarked. He had a strong preference for realist works—the French novelists Honoré de Balzac and Émile Zola were among his favorites. Only socially conscious literature truly satisfied him. In two early essays about Leo Tolstoy, he praised the novelist's prodigious talent for invoking character and atmosphere—his "miracle of reincarnation"—but scorned the author's focus on a world of aristocrats and peasants, as well as his flights into religion.

In the first decade of Bolshevik power, Trotsky's reputation for tolerance in the arts left him vulnerable to charges of encouraging bourgeois individualism and spreading defeatism on the cultural front. The idea of a proletarian culture was in vogue among writers and radical theorists in Moscow and Petrograd (now St.

Petersburg). An influential movement called Proletcult argued that prerevolutionary art and literature belonged in history's dustbin along with the former ruling classes, replaced by proletarian art untainted by bourgeois influences. Lenin, the leader of the Bolshevik Revolution, whose personal taste in art was conservative—he enjoyed the works of Chekov, Pushkin, and Turgenev—resisted Proletcult's agenda.

Trotsky's major contribution to this battle over the future course of Soviet culture was *Literature and Revolution*, a volume of literary criticism published in 1924. The book's principal theme was the indispensability of tradition, even in the homeland of communism. "We Marxists have always lived in tradition," Trotsky argued, "and we have not ceased to be revolutionaries because of it." He opposed the notion that art and literature of past epochs reflected merely the economic interests of now-vanquished social classes. Great art, he declared, was timeless and classless. The proletariat's rule, too, he said, would be brief and transitory, giving way to a classless socialist society and a universal culture.

At the moment, however, the Russian worker was a cultural pauper, in Trotsky's estimation. The proletariat's immediate chal-

lenge was not to break with literary tradition but rather to absorb and assimilate it, starting with the classics. "What the worker will take from Shakespeare, Goethe, Pushkin, or Dostoevsky," he wrote, "will be a more complex idea of human personality, of its passions and feelings, a deeper and profounder understanding of its psychic forces and of the role of the subconscious. . . . In the final analysis the worker will become richer."

Meanwhile, stated Trotsky, the central task of the Bolshevik Party was to exercise "watchful revolutionary censorship" against any artistic movement openly opposed to the revolution. In the absence of such a threat, however, the Party should assume no leadership role. Art, Trotsky insisted, "must make its own way and by its own means."

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WHAT IF?

By John Smolens '72

The McKinleys visit Buffalo

EXPRESS ORDERS HAD BEEN GIVEN REGARDING NOISE. When the three-car Presidential Special pulled into Buffalo on the afternoon of Wednesday, September 4, 1901, it was expected that there would be tens of thousands of people gathered to welcome William McKinley. There would be marching bands; there would be a military gun salute. McKinley had been sworn in for his second term of office in March, and he was clearly the most revered president since Abraham Lincoln. However, McKinley's personal secretary, George Cortelyou, was concerned about two things: the fact that since the second election there had been, despite his popularity, a marked increase in the number of death threats directed toward the president; and the health of the first lady, Ida B. Saxton McKinley. Cortelyou consulted regularly with Dr. Presley M. Rixey, the president's personal physician, who accompanied the McKinleys everywhere.

Rixey had insisted that care be taken concerning noise when the train arrived in Buffalo. Thus Cortelyou had forwarded specific instructions that the welcoming ceremony—and in particular the 21-gun salute—must be conducted at a safe distance from the train. Although the president's health was consistently robust (even if Rixey would like to have seen him lose weight), the doctor was concerned with Mrs. McKinley's condition, which was

frail at best. She could not, Rixey insisted, be subjected to loud, unexpected noise.

The plan was to stop briefly at Terrace Station on the outskirts of Buffalo and allow members of the Pan-American Exposition committee to board the train, and then continue on to Amherst Station, at the north end of the exposition grounds. It was a warm afternoon, and some windows were partially opened. Even as they pulled into Terrace Station, a throng was being held back by a security line of police, soldiers, and Pinkerton men. It never ceased to amaze Rixey the planning and coordination and, increasingly, the security measures that were necessary for any public appearance by the president. He sympathized with Mrs. McKinley, who had said more than once that she would prefer that they all remain in the tranquillity of Canton until it was absolutely necessary to return to the Executive Mansion in Washington. The whole idea of passing the summer in Ohio was in response to her near-fatal collapse during the trip they had taken to the West Coast in the spring. McKinley had canceled many events and appointments as a result, and this two-day visit to Buffalo had been rescheduled, primarily to give the president an appropriately large audience to deliver what he considered a major speech, one which would establish the goals for his second term of office. It was an opportunity that could not



William and Ida McKinley, in an undated photo

be missed; seldom was there an event outside Washington where so many Americans would gather to see and hear their president. Newspapers speculated that when McKinley addressed the audience at the exposition on September 5, he would appear before the largest crowd ever to hear an American president speak.

As the train drew to a halt, the crowd cheered and applauded as arms and flags waved in the brilliant autumn sunlight. A marching band was vigorously playing the last bars of a John Philip Sousa tune that Rixey had been hearing all his life but still did not know by name. He looked down at Ida McKinley, dressed in black, despite the warmth of the day, and watched her raise her handkerchief to her forehead.

"Can I get you anything, Mrs. McKinley? A glass of water before we alight?"

"No, Presley, thank you." She offered him the faintest smile. "I'll be fine."

"We have arranged for a wheelchair to be at the platform."

"You are always most considerate."

The band concluded its number, and just as the crowd broke into applause there was a loud, percussive explosion. Dr. Rixey instinctively crouched down and turned his back toward the impact, which seemed to come from the depot platform. There

followed another explosion, and then another. There was screaming inside the coach. Security men were moving, shouting; Mrs. McKinley's niece Mary appeared to have fainted on a sofa—or perhaps she had been wounded. The explosions continued, developing a precise rhythm, causing Rixey to realize that it was only the military salute. The soldiers were too close to the train, and their rifle fire was deafening.

But the salute continued, and just as Rixey looked down at the first lady, the windows on the platform side of the train blew in, raining glass on everyone amid more shouts and screams.

And then it was over. Outside, the crowd's cheering swelled to a nearly ecstatic pitch, not realizing what had happened on the train. Passengers got to their feet, glass crackling beneath their shoes. Rixey leaned down to Mrs. McKinley, who was deathly pale.

"I'm all right, Presley."

"Are you sure?"

But then she raised her head and looked past him, and a brightness, even a faint joy entered her weary eyes. Rixey knew who it was, stood up, and turned around. William McKinley's broad, soft face was absolutely serene as he gazed at his wife. His blue-gray eyes, as Rixey had noted many times, maintained startling clarity and focus.

Standing a little behind and to the right of the president was Mrs. McKinley's youngest nurse, and Rixey saw a look of panic overtake her face as she stared at the first lady. Rixey turned quickly and saw that Mrs. McKinley was showing the first signs that she was about to have one of her seizures. Her left eyelid had begun to droop, and there was a rapid twitching in that cheek. A series of deep furrows had developed in her forehead; her mouth trembled as spittle foamed from the corners. Her pulse was visible in the side of her gaunt neck. Everyone around her seemed to have frozen—this too Rixey had seen on numerous occasions. Aghast at such a sudden transformation, no one seemed able to do anything to help her. Even Rixey still felt somewhat helpless.

The president stepped toward his wife's chair. Calmly, yet deliberately, he removed his handkerchief from inside his frock coat and unfurled it with the slightest snap of the wrist, as though he were an amateur magician who had developed such little dramatic flourishes to conceal his lack of technical skill. Leaning down, he carefully draped the handkerchief over Mrs. McKinley's contorted face, and then he said quietly, "It will be over in a moment now, dear."

The handkerchief seemed to have a life of its own, quivering as it rested over Mrs. McKinley's face. Her husband remained close to her, supporting himself with both hands on the armrests of her chair.

A good minute passed, and no one moved. Though there was still the noise of the crowd outside, it was as though an eternal silence and stillness had descended upon the coach. Only the handkerchief trembled, as if by some spiritual force.

Finally, the handkerchief became still, and McKinley gently removed it by the upper corners, uncovering his wife's face: Her eyes were closed, her mouth slack but calm, set in its usual frown. She might have been asleep.

But slowly she opened her eyes—the left lid still slightly recalcitrant—and gazed up at her husband inquiringly.

"Better now, dear?" he asked.

"Yes, Major," she whispered.

He straightened up and smiled.

Suddenly, Rixey moved toward the sofa, where Mrs. McKinley's niece was beginning to stir. The doctor took her hand, which was warm, and gently placed his fingertips over her wrist to feel her pulse. The girl's eyes were not dilated; her cheeks were pleasantly flushed.

"I'll bet you could use a glass of water," Rixey said.

The girl nodded slowly, awed, it seemed, by such remarkable perception. Rixey himself was surprised at how calm he sounded. But it wasn't so—the explosions seemed to have ignited his nerves.

There was a beverage tray on the table next to the sofa; Rixey poured water into a glass and gave it to the girl. He noticed, as he put the pitcher back on the tray, that his hand was not shaking. She took a sip of water, and then smiled at him.

"You see?" The president's baronial public voice addressed everyone in the saloon. "Does anyone question why we always keep the good doctor near at hand?"

There was polite laughter, which more than anything seemed to express a collective sense of relief.

George Cortelyou stepped toward McKinley, his face slick

with perspiration. "Mr. President, we might attempt a different mode of transportation into the city, and I could begin to make arrangements."

McKinley looked at his wife, and then turned to Cortelyou. "Everything is fine now, George. Why don't we proceed as planned? I gather there will be an even larger crowd waiting for us at the exposition. If we keep them waiting too long, they might all turn into Democrats."

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Tikkun

By Joshua Rivkin

The year I broke every window.

The year I stole every library book.

The year I lived below the El,

always the hum, running through and by,

of people who desired to be arrived.

I couldn't see them but knew wanting.

The year I didn't sleep.

None of this tells how on the tri-corner of 23rd,

Broadway, and Fifth I called into the gusts,

My fault, my fault.

None of this says sorrow. And means it.

You need the certainty of story, of pattern:

boy meets girl, boy leaves girl, boy regrets.

Trains run through me, and I am not a train.

Air touches my skin, and I am not sky.

I don't need to believe each time I curse

God, or sleep with a stranger,

or refuse decision,

the spaces in my body widen, are deep like a well,

bone dry, and halfway to China.

I've done nothing wrong. I've done it all.

Redemption, take my name.

Ask me inside. Let me enter.

A house inside a house.

A prayer inside a prayer.

Joshua Rivkin is a former Wallace Stegner Fellow in Poetry at Stanford University, where he now teaches in the continuing studies program. This poem first appeared in Boston College's inaugural issue of *Post Road* magazine (see story on page 7). Tikkun is a Hebrew word for "repair."

Abstracts

Recent faculty writings

American idol

In 1930, as the Great Depression ravaged America, a 16-year-old heroine arrived on the scene. Nancy Drew, girl detective, debuted in *The Secret of the Old Clock*, entertaining young readers while adhering to a moral compass that reassured parents about a new cultural phenomenon: adolescence. So writes Amy Boesky, a professor of English, in "The (Young Adult) Novel and the Police: Crime, Adolescence, and

Nancy Drew in 1930," an essay forthcoming in the journal *Studies in the Novel*.

"Cultural historians . . . concur that it was chiefly the 1920s and 30s, as the Depression forced young people out of employment and pushed public high schools into ascendancy, that 'produced' the modern concept of the adolescent," Boesky writes. Many adults distrusted this new cohort; one prominent psychologist defined the teen years as (in Boesky's words) "a period of crisis and debilitation." Countering this perception, Nancy demonstrated heartening traits, writes Boesky: "health and hygiene; superabundant energy; willingness to be taxed or 'stretched'; sympathy; love of nature; sublimation; activity; and loyalty . . . to self and community."

In the course of her adventures, Nancy protected River Heights, a small, middle-class town seemingly imperiled by "intruders—foreigners, 'Negroes,' thugs, robbers, the poor," Boesky writes. She was a bulwark against "'flappers' and the new cult of 'pagan pleasure.'" Modern industry had apparently brought dangers, a view captured in Nancy's encounter with a train in *The Hidden Staircase*: "With a fascination which was tinged with horror, she watched a long, heavy, eastbound flyer as it roared around the bend and like a mighty monster charged down upon the railroad bridge." The stock market, too, seemed a menace, portrayed, in Boesky's words, as a "shadowy world of gamblers and upstarts." In the end, Boesky writes, none of these threats was a match for Nancy Drew, "secret agent of the adult world."

Branded

In the 1960s, hoping to build on its high-end reputation, the Pierre Cardin company licensed its name to products from golf clubs to frying pans. The move backfired, according to professor of marketing Henrik Hagtvædt, because the company failed to maintain consistency in the cues it conveyed with prices, packaging, and other marketing elements. He and coauthor Vanessa Patrick, of the University of Houston, reported on their research into what drives successful luxury brand extension in a forthcoming issue of the *Journal of Consumer Psychology*.

The researchers conducted four studies. In each they asked groups of undergraduates to assess the desirability of various brands, some fictional, some simply unfamiliar. In the first test, students viewed mock advertisements for a spaghetti sauce. One ad emphasized luxury, another value. In a second experiment, participants tasted a mango drink and received a card describing it—the card touting either luxury or, again, value. And in a third test, students evaluated a set of silverware; for some it came in a velvet box, for others in cardboard.

In all three studies, subjects found both the value and luxury products desirable but rated the luxury lines as more so. The promise of pleasure provided a halo that purely functional benefits couldn't match.

A fourth study confirmed, however, that exploiting a luxury label to reach a larger market is not without risk. Participants were shown a pair of purportedly high-end jeans, priced either at \$150 or \$20. When the jeans were low-priced, participants downgraded the luxury brand's allure. "Positioning a brand as luxury in promotions and advertisements may not be difficult to achieve," write the researchers, but "luxury brands are very sensitive to inconsistent brand cues"—such as price. They point to the example of Tiffany & Co., which in the 1990s tripled sales with an "affordable luxury" strategy, only to see its high-end image decline sharply. The company was forced to raise its prices dramatically and refurbish its stores.

Family plan

The 2003 decision of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts that legalized gay marriage was the culmination of a 50-year evolution of American family law in which "gender roles and hierarchy in marriage have been lessened or eradicated," writes Sanford Katz, Boston College's Libby Professor of Law, in "Five Decades of Family Law," an article in the Fall 2008 volume of *Family Law Quarterly*.

Family law in this country arose from the idea that heterosexual, male-dominated, two-parent families form the foundation of society, says Katz. The erosion of this concept began with divorce cases in the 1960s—in New York, for instance, where adultery ceased to be the only grounds for the division of a marriage; and in California, where no-fault divorce was introduced. In time, Katz writes, the emphasis in divorce cases shifted from establishing grounds for a split to deciding the distribution of property. Also in the 1960s, concerns about protecting children from abuse began to trump family privacy. Once that happened, Katz writes, "it was not difficult to expand that protection to . . . wives," buttressing the view of marriage as an equal partnership.

The 1970s brought cases addressing rights and responsibilities inherent in cohabitation—most famously the palimony case *Marvin v. Marvin*—and the recognition of prenuptial agreements that further diminished the sovereignty of traditional marriage. And the last 25 years saw adoption law open up rights for adopted children and their birth parents even as artificial insemination and birth surrogacy have led to complex family relationships. "Who is a mother, and who is a father? These questions," writes Katz, "are now being litigated without uniformity." As a result, "traditional presumptions about family relationships are being abandoned or at least questioned."

—Tim Gray

Tim Gray is a writer in the Boston area.

Alumni Shine at Annual Awards

This year's Alumni Awards of Excellence winners (from left to right) Henry Smith, MS'60, Ph.D.'66; Elizabeth McCartney '94; Susan Power Gallagher, NC'69, P'00; and Timothy Burke '02 joined President Leahy for the annual ceremony on September 18. More than 250 alumni gathered in Lyons Hall for the event, which honored the outstanding contributions the graduates made to the University, to their professions, and to society. For more on the awardees or to nominate a fellow graduate for next year, visit www.bc.edu/alumniawards.



Rose Lincoln

Inside Scoop

The second annual **Alumni Volunteer Leadership Summit**, held September 18–19, gave alumni nationwide the opportunity to return to campus and reconnect with the University at the start of what will likely be another record-breaking year for alumni engagement. More than 160 alumni leaders participated in special sessions where they discussed BC's latest academic initiatives with the deans of each school, discovered more about BC's financial future and Institutional Master Plan, and heard a State of the University address from President Leahy. "Meeting with BC's leadership was a great opportunity," says Grace Simmons '05, an Alumni Association board member and reunion volunteer. "It made me feel that my volunteer work was greatly appreciated, and I believe it motivated all those attending to help take BC to the next level." Alumni additionally joined in training sessions specific to their area of engagement, e.g., affinity programs, alumni chapters, and classes, which were designed to help make their BC volunteer work easier and more

rewarding. Learn more about alumni volunteer opportunities at www.bc.edu/volunteer.

Regional Coverage

The Alumni Association recently welcomed **six new alumni chapters** into the Boston College family—with alumni joining forces to support BC in the Greater Mohawk Valley, Southeast Michigan, Hawaii, France, Beijing, and Korea. These recent additions reflect BC's growing global reach and provide more opportunities for alumni worldwide to stay connected to their alma mater. "Whether you've recently relocated and are looking to meet new people or have lived in an area your whole life, taking part in your local alumni chapter is a great way to network for business, cheer on BC teams with other fans, or do some good work in the community," says Hawaii Chapter co-leader Matt McConnell '98, who successfully led the Rhode Island Chapter for five years. These fledgling chapters have already received enthusiastic alumni support in their regions, and plans for game watches, service opportunities, holiday parties, and much more are in the works.

To get involved in the alumni chapter nearest you, visit www.bc.edu/alumnichapters.

Holiday Invite

Newton Campus will once again be transformed into a **Winter Wonderland** on Saturday, December 12. It's a great way for the entire family to celebrate the holiday season: listen to strolling carolers, make children's crafts, take photos with Santa, visit the petting zoo, cozy up during horse-drawn carriage rides through Newton Campus, and much more. All are invited to the Alumni Association's annual celebration from noon to 4 p.m. Get into the spirit at www.bc.edu/alumni.

Mark the Calendar

The Alumni Association will present a special, day-long conference, **The Journey of Aging: Spirituality for the Second Half of Life**, on Saturday, April 10, 2010. Jennie Chin Hansen '70, H'08, president of AARP, will lead this groundbreaking alumni event, which will provide insight into the challenges of growing older—and how those hurdles are being redefined by faith and

service. Experts from the fields of theology, ministry, and health will specifically address surprising new discoveries that link mental health and emotional well-being to faith and community. Alumni will additionally have the opportunity to ask their own questions about aging and to reconnect with fellow Eagles. Discover more at www.bc.edu/alumni/spirituality.

Hitting the Right Note

The 17th annual Pops on the Heights Scholarship Gala raised nearly **\$2.1 million for undergraduate scholarships** on September 25. To date, this beloved University event has made the Boston College experience possible for 292 students through 632 scholarship awards. Held over Parents' Weekend, this year's concert featured conductor Keith Lockhart and the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra with special guest soloist Bernadette Peters. Concertgoers in a sold-out Conte Forum enjoyed such favorites as Aaron Copland's "Hoe Down" and a rousing version of "For Boston" performed by the University Chorale. For more, visit www.bc.edu/pops.

Practice Interview

Alumni can now stage their own **mock interviews online** using the new Career Center application, InterviewStream. Each session is customizable—with more than 1,500 question options—and provides ideal preparation for job interviews, as well as those for graduate, medical, busi-

ness, and law school. Alumni can then review their performance, which is taped via webcam, or submit it for a career counselor to evaluate. The service is free, and there is no limit to the number of practice interviews. Access this new feature through EagleLink, found in the career resources section of the Alumni Online Community: www.bc.edu/alumni/community.

On the Job Training

The Council for Women of Boston College will give more than 50 juniors and seniors a look at their potential career path during the council's **Take a Student to Work program**, held in November and again over students' winter break. The program first ran in fall 2007 and has grown to include alumnae participants from New York to Florida in numerous industries, including communications, health care, finance, and law. "The goal is to empower and inform these young women before they make their career choices," says Hon. Darcel Clark '83, a Bronx County Supreme Court justice and alumnae volunteer. "It's a great way to give back and have an immediate impact on today's students." During the half-day visit, female undergraduates learn what a typical day would be like in a particular field or firm, explore the culture and work environment, and see where their career ambitions may lead. Learn more about the Council for Women's many programs at www.bc.edu/cwbc.

Welcoming New Eagles to the Heights

The Class of 2013 received a rousing welcome from the Golden Eagle Class of 1960 and more than 150 other alumni during the annual First Year Academic Convocation on September 17. After a special reception, alumni marched with BC's newest students from Linden Lane to Conte Forum, where best-selling author Ann Patchett delivered the keynote address. Find more opportunities to return to campus at www.bc.edu/alumni.



Lee Pellegrini

By the Numbers

Going Pro

22 | Former Eagles football players who currently suit up every Sunday in the NFL

5 | Games L.A. Clippers forward Craig Smith '06 and Phoenix Suns forward Jared Dudley '07 have played against each other in the NBA



19 | Strikeouts recorded by San Francisco Giants relief pitcher Joe Martinez '05 in his rookie season

4 | World titles won by former Eagles sailing captain Carrie Howe '03

2 | Caps earned by former BC soccer standout Kia McNeill '08 on the U.S. U-23 Women's National Team this year

3 | Former Eagles who drank from the Stanley Cup after the Pittsburgh Penguins' 2009 NHL Championship (Bill Guerin, Brooks Orpik, and Rob Scuderi '01)



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CLASS NOTES

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Lenahan O'Connell '34 was honored at the Rotary Club of Boston's centennial celebration in February. The Charitable Irish Society, of which he is a member, was represented at the event and presented Lenahan with a replica Silver Key for his service to Bostonians. Lenahan has served on the boards of trustees of the Boston Public Library and the Museum of Fine Arts.

1933

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Greetings! Here we are again and again. Unfortunately, our only news is the June death of our classmate **Raymond O'Donnell** of Chula Vista, CA. Raymond was a long-distance commuter from Attleboro way back in 1939, but he spent the last 20-plus years of his life in sunny California. Our prayers and sympathy are extended to his family. • Otherwise, I can only report that Mary and I recently returned from her maternal family's clan reunion up in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. About 150 MacPhees met on the shore of the Bras d'Or Lakes and enjoyed Scottish music, meals, drinks, and views of the MacPhee Islands. A pleasant trip! • In the absence of any other class news from our 25 surviving classmates, let me word-wise ramble just a bit. Remember if you need to we are now experiencing seniority and must do all that we can to avoid senility. There is no guaranteed protection from this possibility, but drive a bit more slowly, hire a cart to move you from tee to green on the golf course, keep off bicycles and motorcycles, and you can add the rest. By way of a memory test, who was the Jesuit who introduced you to epistemology, ontology, and cosmology? What was the name of the library? Where was the treasurer's office located? Is your "forgettorry" now challenging your memory?

1940



REUNION 2009

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1941

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Now, back to the '41 classroom. Bishop **Joe Maguire**, H'76, in Springfield again, has been in contact and wants to be remembered to all classmates. He has had a health problem but has made daily progress. • **Dan Doyle** is continuing his activities on the Cape and now is known as a real Cape Codder. • We were saddened by the sudden death of **Bob Collins** on August 25. Bob had been living in Needham, with other family members residing nearby. He was an excellent student-athlete at Weymouth High School, gaining all-scholastic honors in football. At BC, he continued to show athletic and academic prowess. Bob was a lifetime credit to his God, BC, his family, his business, and his friends in every aspect. He will be missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. • When driving through the BC campus recently, I readily realized the many changes from 1941 to the present. There was great activity, a maze of new buildings with many students and college personnel entering and leaving. Immediately, I recalled the original foursome—the Tower, the Science, the Library, and St. Mary's buildings—Gothic architecture at its best, welcoming students. Those were the days when the Jesuits were greater in numbers. They welcomed contact with us and were closely involved in our activities. We have lived to see the yearly growth of the University since then, and we note with great pride BC's accomplishments. • We have returned many classmates to God. All of them contributed to the successful growth of the University. We now say thanks to everyone whose love and respect for BC has contributed to its success.

1942

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It is with some trepidation that I appoint myself to take on the responsibility of providing class notes to *Boston College Magazine*. For 60 years, **Ernie Handy**, JD'49, did a caring and sensitive job of reporting our activities, our joyous times, and our sad times. I will do my best to faithfully report all notes sent to me by classmates. • As noted in the last column, our 67th annual class reunion took place on June 11 at Alumni House. Eleven gallant survivors, two accompanied by their charming wives, attended: **Charlie Ahern**, **Leo Benecchi**, **Ron Corbett**, **Jennie** and **Frank D'Ambrosio** chauffeured by son **Anthony '76**, **John Fitzgerald**, **Norma** and **Tony Graffeo**, **Jerry Joyce**, **Joe Kelly**, **Paul Livingston** (our man from California, who worked with the Alumni Office in planning the event), **Frank Mahoney** MED'54, and **Charlie Sullivan**. • The day began when we gathered in the library to prepare for the celebration of the Mass. **Don McMillan**, SJ, '66, MDI'72, easily brought us into the solemnity

of the occasion, and **Paul Livingston** did the readings. At the prayers of the faithful, there was gratitude that we were there and sadness as we remembered especially those classmates who had passed to their eternal reward since our last meeting—**Francis Colpoys**, **John J. Connery**, **Constantine P. Jameson**, **John A. McMahon**, **John F. Mitchell**, **Richard Stiles**, and **William Wallace**. Our faith supports us since we know they now see the face of God and are at peace. After the Mass, we were served a very fine luncheon. There was the usual reminiscing and exchanging views on life, and the consensus is that we try for number 68. • Please note: You may write to **Ernie Handy** at Ellis Nursing Home, 135 Ellis Ave., Norwood, MA 02062. Ernie will enjoy hearing from all.

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Our late beloved classmate **Fr. Tom Heath** was honored with well-deserved tributes at weekend Masses held in August at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Braintree. **Fr. James Cuddy** recalled **Fr. Heath's** selfless service as minister to his Kenyan flock. Sadly, **Fr. Heath** was slain by robbers in his living quarters in that African country where he had served with so much dedication. As a longtime usher at St. Francis of Assisi, your correspondent took understandable pride in listening to the eulogistic oratory delivered by **Fr. Cuddy**. • An article by **Yale Richmond**, on the Khrushchev/Nixon "Kitchen Debate" and the U.S.-Soviet exchanges that followed, appeared in the July/August issue of the magazine *Russian Life*. You may recall, **Yale** was a successful member of the fencing team while at BC. • Prayers of the class are offered for the repose of the soul of **Mary Ann Baronowski**, who died in September. She was the widow of **Walter Baronowski**, a longtime practicing dentist in Medford. • Recently, **Eddie O'Connor** called from Los Gatos, where he and his wife reside, near their daughter. • Please make my day by informing me of what's new in your life, by mail or phone. A few words, however casual, will indeed make this correspondent's efforts happily rewarded. Please?

1944

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And now we start our 66th year of post-Boston College life. It isn't a celebratory anniversary year, but it is, in a remarkable way, a God-given accomplishment of another kind. • **Gerry Callahan** called recently. He suggested the column contain more news about what we all are doing and how we spend our days. I couldn't agree more. But in this, our fourth quarter of life, our triumphs are more modest

and perhaps less newsworthy than they once were. None of us is career building; we are more apt to be basking in the reflected light of the accomplishments of our children or grandchildren. For his part, Gerry, like the rest of us, has good days and not so good days and was sorry he wasn't able to be present at our 65th anniversary. • As far as I know, our nonstop traveling classmate Fr. **Bill McInness**, MA'51, STL'58. Fr. Bill has vacationed in San Francisco, in Chicago, and more recently in Washington. And it's always a pleasure to hear from **Don White**, H'94, who is well and called to say hello and to recount the pleasures of our recent 65th. Ginny and **Tom Hazlett** attended the Lobsterfest of the BC Club of Cape Cod in July. And who do you suppose was also there? You guessed it: Fr. Bill. • There is some serious news too. It is somewhat expected but always a shock to learn of the deaths of classmates: **Joe Dee** of Watertown last November and **Jimmy Lannon** of Dedham in July, both leaving loving families. And so our class continues to be diminished. • As for me, I spent 10 wonderful days in May on the Tuscan island of Elba with my three daughters. No husbands, no children; just the four of us. This is not to suggest any lack of love or affection for the husbands and children, you understand. What it does mean is that we became exactly the same people we were 37 years ago when we spent Easter in Rome. And now I have just signed up for two classes at the Harvard Institute for Learning in Retirement. • So, dear friends, what are you up to? Where have you been? Where are you going, and mostly, how are you? Peace.

1945



REUNION 2009

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And the beat goes on. Unfortunately, I have two more deaths to report. **Dennis M. Condon** passed away on July 13. He was a former FBI special agent and Massachusetts State Police Commissioner under Gov. Ed King '48, H'80. He leaves his wife, Lillian; seven children; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. His son Dennis Jr. '62 was an FBI agent, and three of his children were Massachusetts state troopers. An active member of our class, Dennis also enjoyed golf with "the Legends." I received a nice thank-you note from the Condon family, stating how proud Dennis was of his BC education and the friends he made there. He will be missed by all of us. • **Ed Desaulniers** died on May 1. He graduated from Boston Latin in 1939 and received a BS in engineering from BC and a master's from Worcester Tech. He leaves 4 sons, 5 daughters, 16 grandchildren, and 9 great-grandchildren. The sympathy of the class is extended to the families of our deceased classmates. • We had another great luncheon and memorial Mass on June 16. Frs. **Vincent Burns**, MA'49, MA'52, STL'58; **Patrick J. Kelly**; and **William McInnes** '44, MA'51, STL'58, were the celebrants at St. Mary's Chapel, and **John Greenler** was the cantor. I did the reading; **Kevin Bowers**, MA'51, the responsorial psalm and prayers of the faithful; and **Paul Paget**, MSW'49, and **Jane** and **John Larivee**, the presentation of gifts. We

had a wonderful luncheon on the second floor of Burns Library. You may remember that many of us studied on this floor. Thirty-five attended, including 21 classmates, and **Paul Paget** did his usual great job as chairman of the event. • On the medical front, I talked with **Vin Catalogna's** wife, **Phyllis**, who reports that Vin remains bedridden with Alzheimer's disease at the VA Hospital in Bedford. **Ed Burns** has joined the pacemaker group, and **Charlie McCready** was in the hospital again but is home now and doing much better. **Bud Graustein** told me his wife is recuperating from a serious operation, but the prognosis is good. • I heard from **Walter Cotter**, who saw the Summer issue of *Boston College Magazine* with the war stories of World War II veterans. These articles were written in anticipation of BC's dedicating a memorial to alumni (who died in combat while in military service) on Veterans Day, November 11. • Remember, we will celebrate our 65th anniversary on June 4-6, 2010. Please mark the date and plan to come! • Let me know what what's going on in your lives.

1947

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Power Fraser's reunion celebration didn't end in 2007. He attended festivities for his 60th from Harvard Business School this year. Power divides his time between Florida and his home in Greenwich, CT, and manages to keep his golf handicap under control. • I'm sorry to report the death of **William Degan**. He served as a pilot with the Marines in World War II and in the Korean War and held the rank of colonel.

1948

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I write today with a profound sense of sadness as I notify you of the passing of **Margaret Ciampa**, the loving wife of our treasurer, **Ernie Ciampa**, and a real friend of all who knew her. She participated in almost every Class of 1949 event in my memory. At the wake and funeral, we saw several of our classmates, including **Margaret** and **Sahag Dakesian** MS'51, **Carol** and **Don McAnulty**, Louise (Mahoney) MA'56 and **Jim Whelton**, Pat and **Jack Waite** MA'51, and Fr. **Bill Burckhart** '49. I'm sure there were others whose names I have forgotten. The funeral was at Mount Auburn Cemetery in a lovely pastoral setting befitting our dear friend, who will be sorely missed by all. • When you are reading these class notes, we will have already had our annual October memorial Mass and luncheon, a tradition started while **John**

McQuillan was president of the class for the 50th reunion in 1999. I will report on that in the next class notes (God willing). • **Ted McCarthy** sent me an e-mail from San Francisco, where he works with homeless men, women, and children who are victims of drug and alcohol addiction. Ted had a long military career, serving in the Army as an officer and in the Marine Corps for seven years; he was later a civil rights attorney for the government. He sends special regards to our class president, **John Driscoll**. • Please send me more information for these class notes.

1950



REUNION 2009

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Our annual golf outing took place on June 10. Attendees were **Jack Casey** (of the Cape), **Gerry Curtis**, **Gerry Daly**, **Jack Gilmore**, **Walter Lang**, **Bill Logue**, and **Bob Palladino**. The winning team: **Walter**, **Jack Gilmore**, and **Gerry Daly**. We had to use our rain date and lost a number of players because of the change. Even at that, the weather was iffy, and we also ran into prior commitments and short-term health problems, but we shall play again next year. We had a great social day. Golf is what brings us together. • I am sad to report a number of deaths among our classmates: **Joseph F. Brophy** of Quincy on June 14; **Dennis G. Creedon** of Santa Ana, CA, on May 4; **John D. Hancock** of Lakeville on May 23; **Michael J. Meehan** of Worcester on April 7; **William A. O'Brien** of West Hyannisport on June 11; **Maurice J. Pomfret Jr.** of Somerville on June 21; and **Thomas J. Regan** of Weymouth on April 4. • Also, I was notified just before this writing that **Paul V. Conley** is now in a nursing home in Jamaica Plain. I hope to visit him soon. The letter I received from his niece in Peabody tells me that Paul will not be returning to Cambridge.

NC 1950-53



REUNION 2009

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I had lunch with **Monsie O'Brien Clifton** NC'53 in June, and then she came to Cambridge for husband **Peter's** 60th reunion from Harvard. She looks her fabulous self. She is fortunate that a good number of her 13 grandchildren are close enough to visit! • Send news!

1951

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Sadly, I must note the deaths of our classmates **Dick Mayo** of Salisbury on July 20; **Jim Baggett** MSW'55 of Williamsport, PA, on July 6; Fr. **Jim Lerner** (also BC High '48) of Dorchester on August 24; and **Bob Cronin** of Columbia, SC, on January 10. Bob is survived by his five children. Also, the BC athletic community was saddened to learn of the death of **Joe McKenney**, the son of the great Eagle Joe McKenney Sr. '27, MA'33, H'83. Joe passed away on June 30 in East Dennis. Remember all of them in your prayers. • On the brighter side, **Pete Lupien** wrote that life is good in North Carolina. Pete plays golf on a regular basis with a group known as the Holy Hackers. They play at a different course each week and start at the first tee with a group prayer. Hey, Pete! On the next round, say one for your classmates! • **George Cyr** checked in from the great state of Maine. He and his wife spent the summer hiking and biking and send their best to all of us. • Regina and **Tom McElroy's** son Jack, a colonel in the Marines, is now in Afghanistan. Speaking of the McElroys, by the time you read this, the annual Tom McElroy Jr. '80 Golf Classic will have taken place in August. This event has raised approximately \$1.5 million for BC soccer scholarships. • In June, 29 of our classmates gathered at the Stage Neck Inn in Maine for a weekend of golf (rained out), a lobsterbake, and fun. At the conclusion of the three-day event, **Frank McDermott** and the Nominating Committee presented the slate of class officers for the next two years: **Dick Driscoll**, president, and **Charlie Barrett**, LL.D.'55, vice president. Thanks to **George Gallant** and **Bill Newell** for their outstanding service. **Al Sexton**, the great **Roger Connor**, and I will continue in our respective positions. • The annual memorial Mass, followed by luncheon at the BC Club in Boston on October 9, will have taken place when you read this. Even if you could not make it, be assured that all our classmates were remembered, living or deceased, because we are one in spirit. • Finally, I spoke with **Mike Roarke** recently. He has suffered a stroke and is living in West Warwick, RI. Mike was one of the greatest athletes ever to wear the maroon and gold both in football and in baseball. A special prayer for his speedy recovery would be appreciated. • Keep the news coming. I really enjoy writing this column!

1953

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The Wayland Country Club was the site for our 15th annual class golf tournament on June 10. The format was the usual Florida type scramble. Seventeen golfers showed up for play: **Art Delaney**, **Jim Willwerth**, **Fred Good** MBA'62, **George Kiesewetter** MBA'64, **Dick Horan**, **Don Burgess** DEd'82, **Ed Smith**, **Ray Kenney** JD'58, **Gerry "Spike" Boyle**, **Paul Coughlin**, **Bob Willis**, **Bill Ostaski**, **Paul Murray**, **Bob Sullivan** MEd'60, **Joe Desalvo**, **Jim Low**, and **Walter Corcoran**. When play was over for the day, the Ostaski team was declared the winner with a score of 2-under-par 69, finishing one stroke better than the Desalvo team. Among the other winners, Ray Kenney showed his power as he again won the long drive contest on hole No. 12. Don

Burgess won the CTP on hole No. 4 with a shot that was 38 feet 6 inches from the cup. Bob Sullivan won the closest to the line contest on hole No. 2. All prizes were gift certificates to Dick's Sporting Goods. After dinner, Paul Coughlin announced that after 31 years as president of the Class of 1953, it was time for him to retire, effective that day. Paul said that his family duties require more of his free time, and with an excellent support staff in place, it was time to turn the gavel over to our vice president-president-elect, Bob Willis. Fred Good will continue as secretary, and Jim Willwerth will stay on as class correspondent. Ray Kenney has agreed to join Bob's team as vice president-elect. • **John McCauley's** wife, Gerry, reported, "John and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary in April with a trip back to Bermuda (where we honeymooned) Then in June, without a clue, we were totally surprised by our children and 70 family and friends, who greeted us at Newport's Oceancliff, where we arrived thinking we were just having dinner with our daughter and her family, and we celebrated our 50th once again." • Barbara and Spike Boyle reported that they have a granddaughter graduating in 2010: Amy Hollis is the third child of Michael '77 and Carolyn Boyle Harris '79 to graduate from BC. That is five of five to be Eagles! • I am sorry to report on the death of our classmate **Maurice Hart**. Mo peacefully passed away at his home in Cohasset on July 12 after a long battle with cancer.

1954

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Sadly, we report the deaths of several classmates, including class officer **Bob "Rufus" King**, who was our event photographer and organized our hockey nights out in recent years. Bob died on August 9. Also, we lost **Bob Banks** in May; **Frank Bonarrigo** and **John Stapleton** in June; and **Kevin Lane** and **Joe Pomeroy**, SJ, in August. Fr. Pomeroy was notable for simultaneously leading the development of the computer centers at Holy Cross and at BC. He worked days at BC and nights at Holy Cross, where he spent most of his career. • I had a chance to attend an impromptu luncheon recently with eight of our classmates: **Ed Trask**, **George Rice** MBA'61, **Tom Lane**, **Lou Totino** MBA'65, **Peter Nobile**, **Murray Regan**, **Jim Coughlin**, and **Tom Warren**. For those of you who can reach Route 128, let me know if you would like to join an occasional lunch. • I got a note from **Phil Grant** saying he had the good fortune to have lunch with Fr. **John Wallace** in March, Nancy and **Jim Flynn** MA'55 in May, and Barbara and **Gerry Carey** in June. That's a lot of lunches, Phil! Phil is still teaching at Pace University. • **Elizabeth Glynn Hannon** wrote to say that she lives in Bel Marin Keys, just 20 miles north of the Golden Gate Bridge. She would love to see BC classmates who are heading west or are already there. Elizabeth taught in the school of nursing at BC for many years. She enjoys her grandchildren, Ruby (6) and identical twins (1), as well as serving as a guest lecturer and "talking head" on cruise ships. • I left out the name of **Dick Donahue's** wife, Elaine, from my listing of those in attendance at the 55th

reunion. Sorry, Elaine. • Send me some news of yourself or other classmates for our next issue!

NC 1954

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Mary Magdalen, OSC, e-mailed me from the Monastery of St. Clare in Jamaica Plain to say that four sisters from their monastery in Japan came to help them with their work for the summer months. It was an enjoyable experience for all. Sister said they were a great help and that "any occasion seemed to be an excuse for playing guitars and singing in Latin, English, and Japanese." She observed that "living with others from a different culture is broadening." More sisters are promised for next year. • **Mary Evans Bapst** in Geneva, Switzerland, had a summer visit from her Montana godson and his three children. Her guests enjoyed boating on Lake Geneva and climbing Mont Blanc. Mary said: "I'll be happy to listen to their adventures on their return with my feet up. The mountain sports were never my thing. Give me books and a comfy couch any day." • **Helen Ward Sperry Mannix** spent the summer on Nantucket and enjoyed visits from members of her family. • In July, the **Dalys** enjoyed a visit from their daughter, Ann, who lives in London. • **Lucille Joy Becker** and I played phone tag, but eventually connected for conversation. • I hope there will be more news to share with you in the next issue.

1955



REUNION 2009

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Fifty-five turns 55! As I write this, the 55th anniversary of our senior year is about to begin. I hope many of you will join us at reunion events during the year and, finally, at the festivities during Alumni Weekend. • Congratulations are in order for **Dick Renehan**, who has been selected, once again, for inclusion in Best Lawyers in America in his areas of practice. • I had a nice e-mail from **Joan Gospodarek Lett**. She has been busy attending the high-school graduations of her grandchildren and reports she was delighted when **Mary Jane Kelly Dempsey** surprised her by coming to her grandson's party in San Francisco. • Another member of our class has joined the community of saints. **Richard J. McGuigan** began his eternal life on July 16. He was living in Bridgewater and was the retired president of Macomber Associates in Newburyport. Before his retirement, he also served as business manager for St. Edith Stein Church in Brockton. I'd like to send my sympathy to his sister, Lee Deane, and his three nieces. • Please send news!

NC 1955



REUNION 2009

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The time for our 55th reunion has been set for Friday through Sunday, June 4-6, 2010. A detailed schedule will be sent as the time approaches. Let's plan on getting together during this great weekend. • **Winnie Hicks** reports that she and Ed are grandparents for the 14th time. This time it is a baby girl, which now makes the score 8 to 6 in favor of the girls.

1956

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We had 70 signed up for our Charles River cruise, and all except **Kathleen Donovan Goudie** made it. Former Alumni Association Chaplain William McInnes, SJ, '44, MA'51, STL'58, arrived with Mary and **Jerry Sullivan**, and both Jim Costa '03 and Ann Connor from the Alumni Association came with their spouses. At the end of the two-hour cruise, we serenaded **Ernestine Bolduc** in honor of her birthday. Marie and I sat with Doris and **John Mahaney**, MBA'65, and Bea '62 and **Peter Colleary**, who were just back from a river cruise from Vienna to Amsterdam. Leo '58 and **Claire Hoban McCormack** were there; Claire talked of her mother, who is 104. We spoke with **Bob Austin** and **Leo Power**, MA'64, MBA'72, among many others. • **John Duffy** is now professor emeritus at the University of Central Florida's new medical school and an adjunct professor at the Military Medical School. He also surveys international hospitals all over the world for Joint Commission International. • Ed, MBA'67, and **Louise McCall Crawford** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the Wilbraham Country Club in June. Jerry Sullivan attended with wife Mary (Louise's cousin), along with **Mary Louise Tomasini Sayles**, Louise's classmate from the Connell School of Nursing. • Kathleen Donovan Goudie welcomed her sixth and seventh grandchildren: Rocco Thomas Taddeo, born to daughter Kara and son-in-law Tom, and Reese Jacqueline Goudie, born to son Brian and daughter-in-law Denise. • **Jim McLaughlin's** wife, Maire, is quite ill and started a new treatment program at Dana-Farber. Her sister Veronica visited from Ireland. • **Marge Callan** writes that **Jean Riley Roche** tripped and fell into a plateglass window and had to have several stitches in her head. • Sadly, **Betty Ann Casey's** husband, Ed Cox, died in June after a long illness. At Ed's wake, I saw **Jack Leonard**, **Charlie Laverty**, and **Ernestine Bolduc**. Ernestine told me her twin brother, Ernest, had died in February. **Margie Murphy's** sister, Eileen Kudera, died in June after a long illness. **Frank Grigas** sent a note that his wife, Marcia, died on May 28 from lung cancer. Frank and Marcia enjoyed many trips together to places such as Russia, Latvia, Lithuania, Denmark, Italy, and Spain. Please pray for classmates and their families who have suffered illnesses, deaths, or economic problems. • Thanks to all who sent news! Read more at www.bc.edu/alumni/association/community.html.

NC 1956

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Three cheers for **Jane Slade Connelly**! I have finally received a communiqué from someone. Jane is now starting her seventh year as freshman counselor at St. Mary's Ryken High School. She has been with the school for over 50 years in different capacities, with some time out for raising their four children, who have given Jane and Bob seven grandchildren. Bob is still active as a deacon in their parish, Our Lady Star of the Sea, in Solomons, MD. They also have a home on the Outer Banks of North Carolina, where they hope to settle when Jane finally decides to retire. In 2008, for their 50th anniversary, they took a tour of Alaska, and next year they plan to travel to Oberammergau for the Passion Play. • I received word that **Margaret E. Doyle**, one of our nurses, went to enjoy her eternal reward on September 9. • **Gail O'Donnell**, RSCJ, MDI'80; **Sheila McCarthy Higgins**; **Ursula Cahalan Connors**; and **Patricia Leary Dowling** get together every so often. Gail is now teaching theology at the School of Theology and Ministry at BC, and she does spiritual direction. We are hoping that Gail will visit us in Vero Beach next March. Let me know if any of you can/will be in the Vero Beach area this winter. We would love to see you.

1957

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The class summer lobster/clambake at **Paul Mahoney's** Garden Center on August 4 was a spectacular event, with over 70 classmates in attendance. Special thanks to Paul and his wife, Doris. **Bill Cunningham** contributed in more ways than one to make this our first summer non-golf event on the Cape a great one. • The BC Club of Cape Cod hosted its annual golf tournament at Kings Way in Yarmouth Port on June 5. The top foursome winners were **Bill Cunningham**, **Jim Devlin**, **George Hennessy**, and **Frank Higgins**. Other classmates included **Paul McAdams**, **Joe Mirabile**, **Dick Dowling**, **Don Fox**, and **Vic Popeo**. The late **Eugene D. Mahoney's** wife, Ann, again handled all the backup golf chores. • **Billy Donlan**, MA'60, had a massive stroke on June 6. Initially, he underwent extensive therapy at the Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital in Boston. Early in August he was transferred to the Presentation Rehabilitation Center at 10 Bellamy St., Brighton, MA 02135, for further therapy. I am sure Billy would love to hear from you to bolster his great determination on his road to recovery! • **Nancy and Dick Michaud** celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary on July 23. Dick is still working; he has no plans to retire, is involved with a lot of business items, and plays a lot of tennis. • It is with deep regret that I mention the untimely deaths of two loyal classmates: **James H. Doyle**, suddenly on June 19, and **Ralph M. Ferrera**, on August 23.

Jim leaves his wife, Mary-Lou, five children, and a sister, **Patricia Flanagan**, widow of our late classmate **Thomas F. Flanagan**. Ralph leaves his wife, Laura, and two daughters. Jim and Ralph were exemplary and classy gentlemen. The class also extends its sincere sympathy to the families of **Joseph D. Cushing**, who passed away on April 22, and **Richard F. Madden**, who died in 2007. • Class dues for the 2009-2010 academic year remain at \$25; please submit to **Bill Tobin**, MBA'70, 181 Central St., Holliston, MA 01746.

NC 1957

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Good news from lots of you this time around. Keep it coming, and we'll find a spot for you in this issue or the next. • **Margy Craig Sheehy** is still active on Marin County Montessori committees; she can't let go after 30 years of teaching there. Traveling is her sport, and this past summer it was three weeks in Prague with her sister, **Helen Craig Lynch NC'59**, and brother-in-law. While he was teaching law, the women traveled to Berlin and Dresden. Margy has visited Berlin before the Wall, during the Wall, and now after the Wall—how many can say that? • **Bill**, MS'59, and **Kate McCann Benson** split their time between Hanover, NH; Waterville Valley, NH; and Longboat Key, FL, where Kate tutors challenged students. Meanwhile, she is active in choirs, teaches piano, and cares for multiple grandchildren while her son gets his doctorate. Favorite spot for wedding anniversaries every five years: the von Trapp Lodge in Vermont. Any wonder they need a rest? • **Elaine Conley Banahan** left cloudy Ireland for a sunny river cruise in Portugal with sisters **Grace NC'53** and **Carrel**. Our sympathies on the loss of their fourth sister, **Joan**, in March to cancer. • **Janet Black Rohan's** husband, Patrick, underwent triple bypass surgery in July on the eve of a planned trip to Scotland and Ireland. Despite a long recuperation, he is doing better. (I Connie L. am two years out from the same surgery and feeling great so relayed encouraging words to Janet and Pat.) • **Carol McCurdy Regenauer** sent rave reviews of **Cathy Connolly Beatty's** May concert; she attended with Frank and **Lucille Saccone Giovino**. Carol keeps in touch with **Mary Ann Morley Bernhard**, who is doing well and loves hearing from you all (5 Mercury Circle, Andover, MA 01810). • **Barbara Lowe Eckel**, MSW'59, traveled to Toronto for a nephew's wedding and connected with **Pamela Hitchins Mordecai NC'62**, another Jamaican, who has published 30 books—Mother Maguire would be so proud! • Speaking of authors, **Joan Hanlon Curley** has published yet another book, *Lucien's Boat*, for grade 4-adult readers. Neil is retired and his travels are heating up: to San Diego, the Bahamas, and South America, some with the Naples Circumnavigators Club in which Joan is active. • Apologies to **Liz**, **Ellie**, and **Lucille**, who sent news that I'll relay to **Connie S.** for the next issue. Love job-sharing: best job ever! What an extraordinary class!

1958

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Jack Murray reports that he remains active doing per diem work at his pediatric office and working on the admissions committee at the UVM medical school. He also plays the trumpet in several bands in the Burlington area! • **Bill McGurk** finally came to the realization that winters on Prince Edward Island are no picnic, so he and Ann will now be spending the cold months in Sarasota. • After graduating in 1958, **Tom Kurey** went on to Penn State to receive his MS and PhD in physics. He is now enjoying retirement in Belleair, FL, after a 34-year career with GE as a designer and developer of nuclear power systems and MRI equipment. Tom and Carol have four children, one of whom—a former Miss Wisconsin and a finalist in the Miss America pageant—is now the director of the Respect Life Office for the Archdiocese of Chicago. • **Dotty Sollitto Hiltz**, a longtime member of the Class Committee, keeps busy in Mashpee, volunteering for church and community organizations, including the BC Club of Cape Cod, and serving as president of the Catholic Women's Club, and she still has time to spoil her eight grandchildren! • **Frank Neelon**, a graduate of Harvard Medical School, has been on the staff of Duke University Medical Center for more than 40 years, working in internal medicine and endocrinology. Frank, the editor of *Stylus* while at BC, was editor of the *North Carolina Medical Journal* from 1991 to 2001. • **Joe Messina**, MBA'65, MA'93, lives in Westwood and has 5 children and 13 grandchildren. He serves as an ordained deacon at St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Norwood. • **Joe Giardina** is enjoying retirement, dividing his time between Mashpee Island on the Cape and Bonita Springs, FL. Joe is a very active member of our class, and he and Livinia can be seen at every class luncheon in Florida and on the Cape. • More than 84 classmates and spouses were in attendance at our annual class luncheon at the beautiful Wianno Club on the Cape. Fr. William McInnes '44, MA'51, STL'58, did a masterful job as our keynote speaker. • **Walter Weldon**, JD'62, had a career as an attorney on the investment law staff of the Hanover Insurance Group. Now he and wife Barbara '60 live in Framingham and are enjoying retirement.

NC 1958

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For some, a bonus from the rainy weather last summer was having time to write. We benefit now with your news. • **Mary Denman O'Shea** wrote that she "retired from government service sometime in the 1990s (U.S. Customs). I was on leave at the time the World Trade Center [fell]; my office was at 6 WTC....Since 1989, we have lived in the southern tier of

the Schohairie Valley.... We have our own fire tower, now a landmark. I live on 10 acres with one husband, two horses, three cats, four ducks, and one physically challenged German shepherd named Apollo. We have two children: Amy, who is writing a history of the canal system in New York State and is now on her third book, and Geoffrey, a professor of psychology at SUNY College at Oneonta. He has one son....As far as travel goes, now it's limited to about three months every winter in the Sarasota area." • **Sue Lawrence Sharkey** wrote, "We did escape to Aruba and Virgin Gorda in the spring, but our summer months are spent at home at the beach...entertaining friends and family most of the time." • Good news from **Lucy Reuter Dolan**: "I am all recovered and feeling very well." Lucy and Danny's son Terry bought a small ranch in Wyoming. Their daughter Ann was married in July, and a granddaughter will be a senior at Vanderbilt this year. • From Austin, **Shelley Carroll Opiela** wrote: "You may remember that I wore an Ace bandage on my left knee through freshman year." (Yes.) Shelley recently had a total knee replacement. Her three sons and their families came to help husband Alex during the course of her recuperation. Their daughter Anne Marie, in Switzerland, is working on a Mellon Foundation project at the University of Fribourg, to digitize medieval manuscripts from the Abbey Library of St. Gall. Interested scholars, visit www.cesg.unifr.ch/en. • Every summer, **Maureen Ronan** takes a three-day seminar in folk art at the Cahoon Museum in Cotuit. She recently took many pictures on Martha's Vineyard, which she will use for her art projects during the winter months. • Keep in touch and let me know of changes in your addresses. Many thanks.

1959

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Jim Marrinan, MSW'61, writes that he and Cynthia have become grandparents for the first time. Their daughter Jane '97 gave birth to George James Clarence Cumisky in London on July 2, which is also Jim's birthday. Congratulations! • I also heard from **John Peterson**, who continues to teach philosophy full-time at the University of Rhode Island. • **Bob Latkany**, who wrote these notes for over 20 years, continues to work as chairman of Shoff Darby Companies, Inc. He also referees a full schedule of basketball in the winter season. • **John Dempsey** tells me that he is still working as a technical writer at the Hanscom Air Force Base in Bedford. • **Tom Tanous**, MEd'63, who was coeditor of *The Heights* in our senior year, has retired as an assistant principal at Beverly High School. • **George Kelley** has retired after a long career with the IRS and is living in Virginia. • I am pleased to report that **Bill Appleyard** has resumed his normal activities after undergoing coronary bypass surgery shortly after Reunion Weekend. • We send our condolences to the families of the following classmates who recently passed away: **John C. Farley** of Winthrop on December 27, 2008, and in 2009, **Marion R. Kirley** of

Winthrop on January 4. **Robert F. Leonard** of Somerville on May 28, **William F. McGonagle** of Hyde Park on May 9, and **Anne P. Whelan** of Lynn on May 27. • Please help us defray the costs of our 50th reunion by sending your class dues of \$50 (BC Class of '59) to Alumni House, 825 Centre Street, Newton, MA 02458.

NC 1959

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The marriage of Ellen Martinsen, daughter of **Ann Baker Martinsen**, and Corey Hendricksen of Newburyport at the West Mountain Inn in Arlington, VT, on August 29 was a great and joyous occasion. They were married under a maple tree in a meadow at 5 p.m. on a rainy day. The rain stopped in time for the outdoor ceremony, and just as they said their vows, the sun came out. It was magic. Ellen, who just completed her PhD in biology at the University of Vermont, is now a postdoctoral fellow at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington DC. Corey is a photographer. Among the guests at the wedding were **Patty O'Neill** and her sister, Nancy O'Neill NC'61, MA'67.

1960



REUNION 2009

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Now that the fall events for our 50th anniversary have been celebrated, we can look forward to the activities that spring will bring: reunion events in Naples, FL, March 11-17; Laetare Sunday, March 14; Golden Eagles at the senior champagne toast, May 20; Commencement (with participation of the Class of 1960), May 24; a golf outing at the Charles River Country Club, June 3; and Reunion Weekend, June 4-6. This will be a great time, so come and enjoy, as you have only one 50th to celebrate! The committee has sent each member of the class an events packet—please review. We need you to participate! • **Tom Cunnally** recalls Robert Kennedy's Commencement address, imploring us to ask not "why?" but "why not?" and to try to do what others may think is impossible. BC gave us that inspiration and the Jesuit education to do the impossible and to be successful in our lives. • **Jim O'Brien** will be honored by Challenge Unlimited at Ironstone Farm as its "Spirit of Giving" honoree on November 21 at the Andover Country Club. The event will celebrate Jim's generosity and his important work with the Special Olympics and Ironstone Farm, which serves children with disabilities. • Mary Anne and Charles Hayes have five grandchildren. They enjoy traveling, especially by cruise ship. • **Tom "Soupy" Campbell** retired from GM in 2000 and remains in upstate New York. Two grandchildren live with his son in Northbridge. He and his wife celebrated their 50th in 2006. • The twelfth annual BC KT Invitation Golf Tournament was held in Williamstown. Among the gentlemen participating in this

2-day event were **Peter Marceau**, **Jay Lambert**, **Red Trainor**, **Bill Gozzi**, **Pete Conroy**, **Tom Rodhouse**, **Tony Abraham**, **Lenny Marma**, **John Kraskuskas**, **Dick Haggerty '61**, **Real Roy**, **John Hajosy '61**, **Jeff Davis**, **Bernie Gleason**, **Jim Driscoll**, and **Ed Doherty MBA'73**. The "old boys" played some pretty good golf despite their aches and pains. • **Peter Edmonds**, a retired maxillofacial surgeon, is living in Charleston, SC, with his wife. With BC competing in the ACC, he enjoys football games in the area. • After 30 years of practicing and teaching cardiology, **George Litman** was appointed chair of the Department of Internal Medicine at Northeastern Ohio Universities Colleges of Medicine & Pharmacy. His youngest daughter graduated from BC in 2004. The Litmans just celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary. • **Tony Penna**, a history professor at Northeastern, has recently published *The Human Footprint* (Wiley-Blackwell), which deals with global environmental history, and coedited *Remaking Boston: An Environmental History of the City and Its Surroundings* (University of Pittsburgh Press). He and his wife traveled for two months this past summer, primarily in Turkey, Jordan, and Israel. • **David Russo**, who retired after 45 years in the paper industry, lives in Aiken, SC, so he can now attend ACC games! • After 41 years, **John Walgreen**, MA'63, PhD'65, has retired from Wheaton, where he was an economics professor. His wife, Sonia, retired from teaching economics at UMass Dartmouth. Both are enjoying retirement. • Sadly, two of our classmates have died since the last column: **John Barrett** and **John Dunn Jr.** Keep them and their families in your prayers.



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This is our year to focus on the 50th reunion, June 4–6, 2010! • **Blanche Hunnewell** hosted a pre-reunion luncheon at her home in Harwich Port in July for classmates in the Cape/Rhode Island area. Those attending were **Sally O'Connell Healy**, **Loretta Maguire**, **Julie O'Neill**, **Sheila Marshall Gill**, **Berenice Hackett Davis**, **Brenda Koehler Laundry**, **Dee Demers Ferdon**, **Jeanne Hanrihan Connolly**, **Carole Ward McNamara**, **Elaine Holland Early**, and **Pat McCarthy Dorsey**. We discussed the importance of contacting old friends as well as getting in touch with those in the religious and those who started with us as freshman but did not graduate. The Class Gift was discussed, and **Pat Winkler Browne** has offered to lead that committee. We'd like to encourage classmates across the country to have gatherings to spark interest in participating in our 50th reunion weekend. Would you be willing to help spread the word by e-mailing or calling a few friends? I would love to receive e-mail addresses of more classmates (at dorseypm@comcast.net) to facilitate quicker communication regarding our plans, deadlines, and other information. Watch for updates on Reunion in the coming months. • **Bernie and Betsy DeLone Balas** celebrated a milestone birthday this year, as did many of us. Their

children, **Liz and Neil**, and their families threw a surprise party in early June in Wilmington, NC. It was quite a success, and **Carole Ward McNamara**, **Kathleen McDermott Kelsh**, **Elaine Holland Early**, and I were among the happy guests. We toured Wilmington's Victorian home section, took a boat tour, and attended a play while there. • **Pat Winkler Browne** and I had the pleasure of visiting Oregon in early August. While **Pat and Dick** drove to the Columbia River Gorge to see **Multnomah Falls** and went to craft markets and wineries, I accompanied my daughter and three grandchildren to Portland for two days. We visited the Oregon Science Museum and the Oregon Zoo! From there we met her mother-in-law, **Martha**, at the **Black Butte Ranch**, three hours south of Portland. This was my first trip to the area—it is beautiful! They have many outdoor activities for the families and great bike paths all around the ranch. After many years, I got on a bike again and enjoyed the freedom of being out in the open. • I look forward to hearing from you and wish you all a very blessed Christmas!

1961

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A note from **Maryann DiMario Landry** mentioned the "1750 Beacon Street Girls," a group of classmates who lived together at that address. She had just come from our class Mass and dinner along with dormmates **Mary Mahoney Falvey**, **Joanne O'Brien Reilly**, **Pat Taylor Keaney**, and **Betty Kulig Smiarowski**. They were looking forward to the next "1750" reunion at the home of dormmate **Jean Belval DeCastro** in Wolfeboro, NH. • **Rosemary Welch Otis** is living in Pennsylvania and has retired from the maternity and pediatric fields of nursing. She has 5 children and 10 grandchildren. • We received a postcard from **Jack McNamara**, postmarked London: "Studying at Merton College this summer. Knees are going bad but mind is OK." Jack was an outstanding runner while at BC and then went on to a remarkable career in medicine. He retired a few years ago from a very active practice in pediatrics and as an administrator. • Had a lengthy conversation with **Bob Ritchie**. This paragraph could never do justice to his remarkable life. He and wife **Sheila** live in Fairfax, VA. They have three children and eight grandchildren. He is retired from the U.S. Foreign Service, where he served at stations around the world, including in 10 countries in Africa. He recently had quadruple bypass surgery and has recovered nicely. **Sheila** comes from County Kerry, Ireland, which gives them the opportunity to travel back to the Old Sod twice a year. **Bob** looks forward to seeing classmates in 18 months at our 50th reunion. • Our condolences to the families of **Thomas W. Dow**, who passed away in Key West, FL, on June 24, and **Kay Molloy O'Meara**, whose husband passed away last fall.

NC 1961

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Alo Coleman Riley wrote that she still has "music in my life. I am part of an octet that entertains at functions and in nursing homes. We always try to bring a smile to the patients. I am also active in my church choir. This past winter, we put on *The Phantom of the Opera*.... This fall we're doing *South Pacific*. It is really fun as well as hard work." • I heard from **Beth Good Wadden**, who is still active in teaching reading and yoga at her daughter's school. • Sadly, we learned that **Pat O'Connor Mitchell's** and **Gael Sullivan Daly's** mothers died this past summer. We extend our condolences and prayers to them and their families. • **Ellen MacDonald Carbone's** son is stationed in Afghanistan; please pray for his safe return. • **Patsy Keating** wrote that she spent part of the summer in Italy—lucky girl! • We had our annual mini-reunion on the Cape in August. **Alo**, **Mary Nolan Calise**, and **Gael** were there with their spouses. **Tony and Joyce Laiosa Caldarone** joined **Missy**, **Mary**, **Alo**, **Gael**, and spouses for dinner in Scituate one August evening. **Louis Hoffman** and his wife were able to join us too. • We just returned from a Serra Club meeting in Omaha. Don't miss visiting Boys Town; it is worth the trip.

1962

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Sue and Dan Coffey are living in Destin, FL. They have two daughters: One lives in High Point, NC, and the other in Chicago. **Dan**, a Glee Club member at BC, recently formed a group called **Destin Harmony**, specializing in "the top 40 hits from 40 years ago, in perfect harmony." He is in frequent touch with **Joe Gorgone**—who also lives in Florida—**Chris Crisafi**, and **Tom Lawless**. • **Judy and Ken Kolek** celebrated their 46th wedding anniversary in July. Their three children are married, and they have seven grandchildren ranging in age from 1 to 16. **Ken** retired from the Army Corps of Engineers (Reserve) with the rank of lieutenant colonel. He is presently chairman and CEO of **Royal Arcanum**, an international fraternal benefit society providing family insurance protection. The **Koleks** reside in Rhode Island. • **Mary and John Hackett** have six grandchildren. **John's** family insurance business in Medford—owned and operated by his two sons, **John Jr.** and **Edward**, for the last four years—will be 100 years old on November 5! • **Mark Dullea** had his first career in urban planning, one highlight of which was preparing the master plan for the **Lowell National Historical Park**. In 1991, he started a new business, **Drysdale's Total Floor Care**, which has received the "Best of Boston" award. **Mark** and his wife, **Donna Qualters '71**, have four grown

children. Look for them at the BC football and basketball games, as they are season ticket holders. • **Laurel Eisenhauer**, PhD'77, reports that the "Cape-ers" continue to meet monthly at various restaurants on Cape Cod for lunch and book discussion (sometimes!). Attendees include **Eileen McCook Szymanski**, **Charlotte Kimball Ryan**, **Jane Sheehan**, **Sally Osborne Russell**, **Patricia Egan Manocchia**, **Nancy Cartnick Fay**, **Katherine Barry Frame**, **Patricia Dalton**, **Brenda Sullivan-Miller**, and **Johanna Brunalli Needham**. • **Jon Doukas** checked in from Louisville, KY, where he is working part-time. He continues to travel extensively, with a trip to New Zealand and Australia planned for December. He also maintains his interest in horseracing and had a horse running in the Kentucky Derby this year. • We extend our sincerest condolences to the family of **Lawrence W. Abbott**, who passed away in May. • We would love to hear from you. Best to all!

NC 1962

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Nancy Crowell Haefeli loves being a nana and is thrilled to have her daughter and son-in-law and their two young daughters living nearby. Nancy continues to work in her husband's law office and also teaches a course in developmental writing at a local community college. • **Merrill and Maggie Driscoll Callen** spent a few weeks traveling from North Carolina to New England, as they do each year, visiting family and friends in the Boston area, and on Martha's Vineyard. Maggie's daughter Lisa works for Wachovia in Charlotte, and **Tori**, who lives in Raleigh with her husband and two boys, is a nurse at a Duke pulmonary clinic. • **Peggy Bailey Lamontagne** lives in Plymouth but is hoping to sell her home, as she is now retired. One of her sons lives in Long Beach and the other lives in Marblehead, where Peg spends a lot of time with her granddaughter. • **Pat Beck Klebba** wrote from Wertheim, Germany, where she had just climbed up to a 13th-century castle. Pat and husband Jack were on a river cruise that had taken them from Budapest, up the Rhine through Rüdesheim, "where we were a couple of years ago when I sang with the symphony," then on to Cologne and Amsterdam. • On June 19, **Peggy Brennan Hassett** married Jack Kehoe in Rome. Although they call New York City home, Peggy had been living in Rome part of every year, attending the Gregorian University. Peggy is also a trustee for the Gregorian University Foundation. • **Kathy Mahoney Guilmette** wrote that she and husband Bob were planning to visit Yellowstone and stay in Bozeman. While there, they hope to catch up with **Judy Bertsch Ritter**, who lives in Gallatin Gateway, MT. When I spoke with **Joanna Bertsch Yaukey**, it appeared that she and husband John were planning to visit Judy at the same time—a mini Cushing reunion? Also, Kathy and **Janet Richmond Latour** were planning to be on Cape Cod September 24–25 at the Blue Water in South Yarmouth for their high school reunion. • Speaking of reunions, it would be great if we could begin having area reunions again in

preparation for our big reunion in 2012. Anyone interested in hosting one, please contact me, and I will put others in touch with you.

1963

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Wayne Budd and daughter **Kristi '90** attended an AHANA alumni weekend at BC with more than 400 AHANA alums in attendance. Wayne reports that it is quite different from the days back in the '60s, when the group of color was very small. **Fr. Monan** was in attendance and extended his good wishes to attendees. • **Donna '65** and **Ed Sullivan, MS'65**, celebrated their 44th anniversary last May. Ed retired at 53 and is now enjoying the role of private investigator. They live in Mystic, CT, and delight in their 42-foot sailboat. Having son **Terry '87** living in Wrentham, with wife **Laura** and their five children, and **Tim** living in Glastonbury, CT, with wife **Claudine** and their three boys, puts Donna and Ed nicely located in between. Ed still loves hockey and is thrilled that three of his grandsons play the game. He also has three granddaughters. Ed's special sister remains a focus in their lives and is now 71, living in a group home in Medford. • In January, **Pamela Prime** published a book, *When the Moon Is Dark We Can See the Stars*, and has since been on book tours and giving talks across the country. • **George E. Roberge** is happily retired and living in Southington, CT, with wife **Judy**. They have been married for 43 years and have two sons and three grandchildren. George works for the Knights of Columbus and Bread for Life. He also plays golf and enjoys returning to BC for football games. • **Bill Phelan** and wife **Mary Claire** are first-time grandparents: **Daphne Marie Polignano** was born on March 27! Bill and Mary Claire retire to Palm Beach, FL, during the winter. Their daughters and spouses live in Portland, OR, which makes for long commutes. • **Bill McKenney, MBA'73**, retired from EG&G in 1996. He and **Kathy** have lived in East Dennis for the past 10 years. They enjoy playing golf and spending time with their two grandsons. Sadly, Bill lost his brother **Joe '52** in June. • I am also sad to report the death of **William M. McDonald** of Tunkhannock, PA, on March 17. Bill had been a vice president for a New York manufacturer. • **Lawrence "Brad" Chandler** writes that he is still practicing trial law in Charlottesville, VA, after graduating from UVA Law School and spending four years in the Army, rising to the rank of captain. He has 3 children and 11 grandchildren.

NC 1963

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I got a wonderful note from **Susan Costigan Penswick** this past August. Susan writes that she and **Annie Laurie Kenedy MacEvitt**, who lives on Bainbridge Island, Seattle, don't see

each other often (Susan lives in Durham, England). But they did this summer in Washington DC, where each has a daughter living. They enjoyed meeting each other's children and had two great days together, one at the National Gallery and one enjoying the trees and shade at Arlington. • **Marjorie Reiley Maguire** sent a link to pictures from our 2008 reunion and hopes that the pictures will encourage attendance at our 50th. Marjorie spends her time doing legal research, writing—and enjoying her five grandchildren, ages 5 months to 9 years, who live close by. The link is www.flickr.com/photos/38218470@N02/. The pictures are great—do we look good, or what? • **Maureen Meehan Sennott O'Leary** visited Cape Cod this past summer and stayed with **Colette Koechley McCarty** and **Carol Donovan Levis**. Carol had a dinner one night that included **Delie Conley Flynn**. It was great to see each other, and it brought some sunshine to the rainy July weather. • I look forward to hearing from you and having news about you in this column! • If the December gathering in New York City jells (see last column), I'll let you know. **Carolyn McInerney McGrath** and **Carol Donovan Levis** were working on it.

1964

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We had a marvelous reunion last May, and for some the experience was extended. **Bob Fuicelli** wrote to say: "The boys and girls (**Dunn, Zwible, Quayle, Marotta**, and **Fuicelli**) went to the Cape after the reunion for a couple of days of golf, lobster, and good cheer! **Lynda** and I hitched a ride with **Gerry Marotta** to New York via the Bridgeport Ferry and spent a few days with my sister." • **Jim Spillane, SJ, MA'68, MDI'76**, has returned to the Jesuit College in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, after eight months in Africa. This semester, he will be teaching four courses in business and economics. He is a specialist in tourism economics and recently gave a paper on the economic aspects of Indonesian tourism development. • **John Mullenholz** retired from practicing law and is now CFO of his daughter's company, Stonehouse Medical Staffing, which provides medical staffing and home health care in the northern Virginia and DC metro area. • **Barbara** and **Bob Scavullo** along with **Ron Moravitz** bicycled in the annual Providence Bridge Pedal in Portland, OR. They were among 18,000 cyclists who crossed six bridges and cycled 14 miles. • **Fran Quinn, MS'68**, hosted the 25th Annual Quinn Open, a charity event with 36 foursomes participating in a "best ball" competition. **Bob Callen** and brother **Don '76** were among the golfers. • **Steve Duffy's** daughter **Ellen** was invited to participate at the Olympic Training Center for synchronized swimming in August. • **Frank P. Lawrence** of Lowell died unexpectedly in May. He was a retired W.R. Grace executive. • We have a winner to our trivia question: What class member did a Boston radio station erroneously announce as successor to former football coach **Ernie Hefferle**? Where did he allegedly

become All-American? Bob Fuicelli correctly responded with "Bob Fuicelli and Hofstra."

NC 1964

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First, my big news! My daughter Alexis and her partner, Celeste Caviness, were married on June 21 at the Smith Barn in Peabody. Although they both went to Smith, that's not the reason they chose it; Celeste had done some part-time catering at the Barn and remembered it as a great place. And she was right. Although bad weather eliminated the outdoor option, we were able to keep one side of the barn open, where it faced the orchards in the back. It was Father's Day. And at the risk of waxing poetic, everyone noticed the soft breeze that blew in just as her father was mentioned during the wedding ceremony. Bittersweet, yet somehow perfect. Alexis is in the fourth year of a doctoral program in clinical psychology at URI. Celeste began her doctoral studies at URI this fall, also in psychology but research-based. • Now here's some more news from the reunion. **Karen Murphy Birmingham** lives in an apartment on Beacon Hill and has a home on the Cape. • **Alice McLaughlin Grayson** is the founder and president of the Greater Boston Chapter of Birth Right and the founder of Veil of Innocence, an organization concerned with parental rights in education. Alice and Ed have four children and seven grandchildren. • **Kathy McCarty Gruber** retired last July from trademark research at Thomson Reuters. She and Tom have one grandchild and often visit their children in Georgia and Ohio. They were not able to make the Saturday night event but came to the Mass and brunch on Sunday. • **Mary Joyce O'Keefe DiCola** was on a business trip in New York City before the reunion. She flew to Boston on Saturday and had time to catch up with **Kathy Wilson Conroy** and **Carol Sorace Whalen**. I think that Carol's comments best express what makes a reunion special: "There are always reasons for not going to a reunion. But one of the best reasons for going may be that Newton played a part, at a specific place and time, in our preparation as women who left there ready to create our place in the world. Let's hope, for our 50th, that all who can will want to gather at Newton and remember the best we had there."

1965



REUNION 2009

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Sheila Quinn Rucki is director of a new MSN program at American International College in Springfield. Her daughter Johanna is in her second year of a master's entry nurse practitioner program at UMass Worcester. • **Grace and Ed Smith** are living in Danbury, CT. The youngest of their seven children, Christina, is in her senior year at James Madison University. Their other children—and nine grandchildren—are scattered from coast to coast. Ed has retired from

IBM after 32 years and is a real estate appraiser in Connecticut, while Grace continues her work as a communications consultant. • **Howard Aylward** continues to practice rheumatology for the Geisinger Health System of EMR fame in State College, PA, and says that retirement is still in the future. • **Mary and Jim Keefe** report that son William graduated from BC Law School this past May. Bill is the third generation to graduate from BC; Mary's father, Frederick Muir '47, was also an alumnus. The Keefes both work for the Lynn School Department, where Mary is a school nurse, and Jim is a department head. • **Maureen (Sullivan), MEd'70, PhD'74, and Larry O'Neill** celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in June, spending eight days in Paris. Larry recently retired from St. John's Prep, Danvers, after 43 years as a teacher and as chair of the history department, but will continue to coach the varsity golf team. Maureen is in her 16th year as dean of liberal studies at North Shore Community College. The O'Neills have two daughters: Kelly, an assistant professor of Russian history at Harvard, and Ashley, a cardiac nurse practitioner at MGH. • **Molly Spore-Alhadeff, MS'66**, is a librarian at the Redwood City (CA) Public Library, where she runs the archives and the local history department. Molly wrote three chapters for the book *Redwood City*, published in 2007, and three articles for *Spectrum*, a local magazine. She and her late husband, John, enjoyed living in Redwood City for 31 years. Molly now resides in Palo Alto. • **Mary and Larry Laureno** spend time in the Berkshires each year and this past June had a wonderful dinner at Cafe Lucia, owned by **Jim Lucie, MEd'67**. Larry would love to have Jim and the Heightsmen back for our reunion this year—I think many would agree! • **Tim Holland** was very instrumental in the e-mail sent to classmates suggesting they cheer on the BC football team at the University of Virginia game in Charlottesville. Thank you, Tim. • **Barbara and Jack Kennedy** have retired to Palm Springs and enjoy spending time each summer in Lanesville, MA. Jack had spent many years in banking in Costa Mesa, CA. • **George "Tex" Comeaux** sent me a wonderful Christmas story he wrote, *You Can Be Santa's Helper*, with watercolors by Mary T. Bodio and music by Tex's brother, Mike. It was published by BookSurge, an Amazon.com print-on-demand company. Tex also published *A Rainbow Journey* and a fabulous poetry book, *introVERSES*. He and his late wife, **Maureen Reilly Comeaux**, raised seven children. Tex worked at IBM for many years as a high-tech engineer, but truly enjoys the time he now spends volunteering at My Brother's Keeper in Easton. His youngest daughter, Susan '06, stayed in Anchorage after volunteering there with JVC at Covenant House. • Finally, thank you all for sending e-mails. This is the longest column I have had in years. I look forward to seeing many of you at our reunion in June.

NC 1965



REUNION 2009

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Andy '64 and Mary Lou Comerford Murphy are living on Bainbridge Island, WA. Mary Lou retired in 2008 from her job as deputy superintendent of North Kitsap Schools and

enjoys her free time sailing and traveling. She recently visited the Canadian Gulf Islands and Cape Cod, where she and Andy visited his 95-year-old mother. Their three children, all University of Washington grads, and three granddaughters live in the Northwest. On moving to Bainbridge, Mary Lou discovered **Annie Laurie Kenedy MacEvitt NC'63**! Last fall she visited with **Judy Clune Groppa, Kathy Heffernan, and Chris Bassett**. As Mary Lou says, "It is always great to run into old Newton pals!" • **Lisa Pustorino Edmiston's** husband, Mark, retired in June, and they took a trip to France to celebrate. They stayed busy last summer, helping out with grandchildren and redoing their kitchen in Bronxville as well as making other renovations in case they decide to sell and move on to the next chapter in their life. • Congratulations to **Gretchen Monagan Sterling, MEd'70**, who completed the Danskin New England Triathlon (a .5-mile swim in a lake, a 12-mile very hilly ride, and a 3-mile run) in Webster. The Danskin races take place in different parts of the country and are fundraisers for breast cancer research. Gretchen encourages anyone who has an interest to come and join her for the next race, the triathlon in July 2010! In addition to some serious training, Gretchen also takes bridge lessons with **Sue Wilson Wasilauskas**. She reports that Sue has beautiful gardens, which she planted and nurtured in her backyard. Sue is still teaching preschool in Wellesley and "is a superb bridge player (by instinct on top of learning)." • As of this writing, your correspondent is in Denver for two months, enjoying the city and the mountains and, of course, the company of my son Mike '90, his wife Leslie, and my two granddaughters. • Now is the time to contact classmates and cajole them into attending our 45th (!) reunion, which is set for June 4–6, 2010. You can e-mail me or post to the alumni online community at www.bc.edu/alumni/association/community.html to let us know you will be there to celebrate. Until then, enjoy life!

1966

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Sandra (Astuti) Billings wrote that she is now assistant clinical professor for the University of Connecticut's Neag School of Education at the Waterbury Campus. Formerly the director of secondary certification programs in Fairfield University's graduate school of education, she is taking a rest from administrative responsibilities and doing what she loves best: teaching. Sandy is happy to have more time to spend with her children, **Lisa Billings Cerulli '91** and **Derek**, and grandchildren, **Christopher and Katelyn**. Lisa is a teacher, and Derek is a designer and artist living in Los Angeles. • On November 11, a ceremony was held on Main Campus to dedicate the recently created Veterans Memorial, commemorating the many Boston College alumni who gave their lives for our country. We thank all members of the Class of 1966 who contributed to this project and especially **Paul Delaney**, who worked diligently over several years to help raise funds for the memorial.

NC 1966

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In her architectural career, **Dorie Norton Weintraub** has worked as an architectural designer at Architectural Resources in Cambridge, an architect/project manager at Drummey Rosane Anderson in Newton, and an architect/associate at Margulies Perruzzi in Boston. She is currently an independent architect doing business as Weintraub Designs; view her website at www.weintraub-designs.com. (I learned about Dorie's career as she is one of my new Facebook friends. Friend me, Catherine Beyer Hurst, on Facebook to find other Newton '66ers.) • Several special 65th birthday celebrations took place in Massachusetts last summer. Meeting up for two nights were **Judy McCluskey Flood**, **Susan Marion Cooney**, **Kathy Brosnan Dixon**, **Sharon Cuffe Fleming**, **Sheila McIntire Barry**, and **Judy Mullen Connorton**. They had a great time catching up and also seeing the Dove/O'Keeffe exhibit at the Clark in Williamstown. Williamstown and the Clark are personal favorites of Judy Connorton's, as her son Patrick graduated from Williams in 2003. • Also meeting up for a summer mini-reunion were **Ann-Marie Carroll**, **Carolyn Cassin-Driscoll**, **Sandra Puerini DelSesto**, **Pat Ryan Grace**, **Beth Gundlach**, **Barbara Childs Hall**, **Joyce LaFazia Heimbecker**, **Cathy Beyer Hurst**, **Joan Candee Rentsch**, and **Martha Roughan**, RSCJ. The group spent four nights in Plymouth, taking in Plimoth Plantation, the Mayflower, and a wonderful garden tour in Sandwich, in addition to antique-shopping, beach walking, and birding. Ann-Marie Carroll and her husband, Don Falvey, also hosted a lobster dinner at their home in North Falmouth. (Ann-Marie points out that she will not actually be 65 until 2010!) • At its annual awards dinner in May 2009, after a keynote address by Dan Rather, the Fair Media Council presented 32 Folio Awards for excellence in local news coverage in print, radio, television, and Internet. Taking top honors in the "Feature Story Under 2,000 Words" category was Pat Ryan Grace, editor of the *Manhasset Press* (and also the reporter for this feature). Her story, "Gift of Life's Legacy Comes Full Circle," appeared in October 2008.

1967

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Betty Goetz Serow writes that she and **James** and **Carmen Signes Beaton**, all SOE alumni, enjoyed a week at the Lagos family reunion held in Tybee, GA. Carmen's mother and Betty's mother were both Lagos women. The Beatons' daughter Emily and Betty's daughter Erica also joined the festivities. Betty works for the Florida Department of Health, Office of Health Statistics and Assessment. • **Peter Ciampi**, MA'68, writes that he is working for

Interactive Data (where he has been for 28 years), developing financial products. Pete is in regular contact with **Bill Sandberg**, who just retired from the government. • **Bill Sullivan**, ME'72, dropped a line from Starksboro, VT. Bill retired after serving as executive director of three different nonprofits, serving the needs of people with disabilities. Bill did the same work in Papua New Guinea and Vanuatu in the South Pacific from 1988 to 1992. • **Joe Hill's** wife, Alison, hosted a great birthday party for Joe at the Aquarium. In attendance were **Janet Rogers**, **Kathy Harrington Bell**, and **Jack Crowley**. Joe still has a hand in Hill Engineering, which he founded and ran for many years. • It is with great sadness that we report the passing of two classmates. **Bob McGinn** died on July 12 at his home on Cape Cod. When not on the Cape, Bob lived in Cumberland, RI. A group of classmates, including your correspondent, attended the wake. The class offers its sincere condolences to Judy McGinn and to their daughter, Kerry '96, and sons Bryan '98 and Shawn '00. **Joe Mariani Jr.** died on April 5 in Rockville, MD. A retired Army lieutenant colonel, Joe had been in ROTC while at BC. He was buried with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery on June 24. We extend our heartfelt condolences to Joe's wife, Liz, and their four children, and also to his sister and brothers Robert '76 and Richard '68. • Pam and **Joe Catanzano** are the proud grandparents of Caitlin Ann Messina, born on May 7 to daughter Kirsten and hubby Duane. • **Joanne Folts Mackey** continues to work at Duke University, Department of Pediatrics, Division of Medical Genetics. She is "Nana" to seven grandchildren. • **John Bove** has retired as dean of the School of Management at Cambridge College. John recently spent a month in Russia doing research at the Roosevelt Institute. • Your correspondents became grandparents again when they welcomed Margot Jane Pagliano on August 24 in New York City.

NC 1967

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One travelogue begets some others, plus extra news briefs. • **Marilyn Fu Harpster** reported on the Alaskan glacier cruise her extended family, including five grandsons, ages 1-15, took last May. Blessed with wonderful weather, they visited Ketchikan, Juneau, the College Fjords, and Glacier Bay. In this peaceful environment, they saw calving glaciers and numerous whales and dolphins. Marilyn caught great photos of the wildlife and of an eagle resting outside their ship balcony. Their shared family time provided a great occasion to open the beauty of America to the next generations. The Harpsters continue their efforts to encourage science education in Ohio with scholarships for the Science Fair winners at their local Catholic school, consistently among the top in the state. The Harpsters also have endowed merit scholarships at the University of Dayton for electrical engineering and physics majors. In this way, they are encouraging students in fields that feed the needs of

science-based businesses such as their own. • **Donna Shelton** and husband Frank spent a wonderful five weeks in Australia and New Zealand last March and April. The highlight was heli-hiking on the Franz Josef Glacier in New Zealand, followed by a sunset kayak paddle on a nearby lake. "The incredible natural beauty of New Zealand will draw us back—despite the 40 hours of travel time each way! The food and wines are a terrific complement and a necessity after all the outdoor activity!" Over the summer, Donna spent much time at the pool and the beach with her three grandchildren, even while recuperating from her own tennis mishap. By summer's end, however, she was back to doing all except playing tennis. • While I didn't go farther than New England, I did enjoy an extended day with **Anne Caswell Prior** and **Faith Brouillard Hughes** in early July. • Who is going to report next? Until then, I just want to remind you to keep your contact information current, send prayer requests for the class Prayer Net as needed, and enjoy the coming winter months.

1968

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Yippee! A hefty mailbag this edition, with sincere thanks to our BC'68 classmates who responded to the call. • Eileen and **Steve Tucker** are celebrating the arrival of their first grandchild, Megan Elizabeth, on June 17. Megan's parents are Julie and Thomas Rollauer, both BC'97. Steve is CFO of CS Technology in New York City and commutes from New Jersey. • In London, **Eddie Frazer** is CEO of Trinity Group Ltd., which he cofounded with Ford Fraker, former U.S. ambassador to Saudi Arabia. Eddie's son Philip is BC'10. • The BC Alumni Club hosted a joint BC-Baghdad College night, "BC Night on the Tigris," in London with 60 attendees, including BC trustee and classmate **Tommy O'Neill**. • Since graduation, **Barbara Beaulieu Chase** of Plum Island has worked at Mass. General, and she is now an adult nurse practitioner at MGH's Chelsea Health Center, coordinating the multi disciplinary diabetes management program. She is also a member of the adjunct faculty at Simmons. With husband Clark and two sons, Barbara volunteers regularly at the Centre of Hope for Children in Oaxaca, Mexico, and travels extensively in Latin America. • **Joan Dunn Harrison** is president and founder of the Cape Cod Hydrangea Society and authored *The Colorful World of Hydrangeas: A Hydrangea Handbook for the Home Gardener*. • Rabbi **Ken Block's** daughter Jenny received a Lambda Literary Foundation Award for her book *Open*. • Capt. **Mark Schwartz**, retired now from Southwest Airlines, is recovering from total hip replacement surgery in Boca Raton. He and Ruth welcomed twin grandchildren, their eighth and ninth! • **Emily DeSimone Mahony**, VP of development at Marymount University in Arlington, VA, sent updates of the following BC friends who celebrate every New Year's Eve together. Maryknoll Fr. **Eddie Phillips** is back from Nairobi and awaiting his new assignment.

Jackie DeMartino O'Neill is university marshal at Harvard. **Kenny Lonergan**, MEd'73, has retired and is greeting visitors as town crier in Provincetown. **Pam Murray McAneny** of Arlington has retired from teaching. **Susan O'Neill** is president and owner of O'Neill and Associates, a premier fundraising firm in Washington DC. **Donny Bouchoux** is SVP and COO of WBB in Washington DC. **Phil DiBelardino** is VP of Banfi Vintners and travels to Italy monthly (lucky!). **Michele Perrotta Tempesta** teaches special education in Manhasset, NY. In 2010, Emily and friends plan to ring in the new year in New York City. • More BC'68 news in our next column. • Go Eagles!

NC 1968

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This is the best: I heard from several of you this quarter! Well done, and may it be contagious. • **Jamie Coy Wallace** has moved out of Manhattan to become a year-round resident of East Hampton, NY. In December 2008, she celebrated the birth of her first granddaughter, but sadly, lost her 90-year-old mother. Her second grandchild was born this past July, and Jamie is thoroughly enjoying her role as "Mimi." • **Sandra Mosta Spies** moved to the Providence area in 2002 and would love to connect with anyone in the vicinity. She commutes to Boston to her job in the U.S. Trust Division of the Bank of America and is very active in the Council for Women of Boston College. If anyone wants to know more about the council, e-mail Sandra at sandra.m.spies@bankofamerica.com. She and husband Dick became first-time grandparents this past year and recently celebrated their 41st wedding anniversary. • **Patrick and Suzy Mangold Sabadie** (sister-in-law of **Tita Sabadie**) celebrated their 40th. They have two sons and two grandchildren and have retired to Amelia Island, FL. They love to travel and have taken river cruises on the Danube and Volga, and by the time this column is printed, they will have toured Vietnam and Thailand. Suzy also enjoys stock trading and creating knit and sewn garments. • **Frank and Sharon O'Keefe Madden** celebrated the marriage of their daughter Suzanne to Chris Krackeler, son of Bill '66 and Mary Jean Sawyers Krackeler NC'66. Sharon writes, "Although the moms had nothing to do with the couple's meeting, they were both surprised and delighted to discover the Newton connection." • Under the "small world" category, **Jeanne Daley** ran into **Mimi Carlisle Stewart** at breakfast in a small inn on the Cape last summer. Mimi, a mother of three, received a PhD in classics from Harvard and is a classics professor at Washington & Lee University in Virginia. • **Dale Clement James** would like to reach out to fellow classmates via Facebook. **Cathy Beyer Hurst** NC'66 wrote in her Summer column that if you go to www.facebook.com, sign up, and list your college as Newton College of the Sacred Heart (not Newton College), you can be connected to fellow classmates. This may be the way to share all those cute grandkids pics! Don't forget to keep me in the loop! Thanks for the e-mails.

1969

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Among the many classmates attending our 40th reunion were **Doug Carnival**; **Carol and Jim O'Reilly**; **Paul and Mary Beth (O'Brien) Sandman**; **June and Dan Meehan** JD'72; **Mary (DePetro) NC'68** and **Greg Murphy**; **Janice and Greg Gormican**; **Kathleen and Dan Denihan**; **Hobie Nichols**; **Roger Pelissier** (with camera); **Phil Langsdorf** (who visited the McElroy radio studio of WZBC; Phil was the station manager of predecessor WVBC from 1967 to 1969, when it was located in Fulton Hall); and **Walt Urbanek**. Last year, Phil and Walt attended a mini-reunion for Welch Hall alumni at **Bill Connor's** family's waterfront cottage in East Falmouth. Other Welch Hall alumni attending were **Walt Rygiel** and **Jerry Reilly**. • **John Rayll** passed away on May 20 in Tulsa, OK, from a heart attack. Sympathy goes to John's wife, Sally, and daughters Barbara '02 and Bridget. John received a JD from Harvard Law School, an LL.M. from New York University, and an MBA from the University of Tulsa. He worked as a corporate attorney before starting his law firm, Coulter & Rayll. **Dan Boudreau** spoke at John's funeral service. • We should be proud of our classmates who are authors. **Jim LePore** practiced law for 25 years in New Jersey before retiring to write full time. His first novel, an international thriller titled *A World I Never Made*, was published in April by The Story Plant. Jim has two more novels coming out in 2010: *Blood of My Brother* and *Son and Princes*. **Jim Ciullo** of Pittsfield has written his third novel, an international suspense/mystery called *Maracaibo* (Mainly Murder Press). It is a sequel to his 2007 novel *Orinoco*. • Last July, **Bob Burke**, MA'70, was appointed the Gordon A. Friesen Professor of Health Care Administration at George Washington University. Bob is also the chair of the Department of Health Services Management and Leadership at GWU. • Our 40th reunion class raised a total of \$3,716,227 for BC; 403 classmates made a gift this year, which translates to 29 percent participation, a 23.6 percent increase over participation last year. Thanks and kudos are extended to cochairs **John Buehler** and **Dan Denihan** and fellow committee members **Pat Daly** JD'73, **Marty Gavin** MBA'74, **Dan Meehan**, **Ken Nolan**, and **John Amato**. • **George Poutasse** retired and moved with wife Anne to Ormond Beach, FL, in 2003. George and Anne are celebrating the birth of their grandson.

NC 1969

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I feel lucky! I continue to have news for you! • **Carol Romano Tuohey** recently finished another stint with the Maryland legislature. Now she is reaping the bounty of her plentiful garden. • **Sarah Ford Baine** says she was sorry to miss the reunion. Three of her four children are married and live in Chicago, and one lives in New York City. She has five grandchildren.

Her husband, Steve, has been working in Columbus, OH, for the last few years but is now doing some projects in Chicago. Sarah is involved at Loyola Academy and Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago. She enjoyed her time on the board of the BC Alumni Association. She sends her best to everyone. • **Lila Mellen** reports that, even though she was really sick and coughed her way through it, she survived the 26.2-mile walkathon she did in memory of **Ginny Turner Lombard**, PhD'79. She had to camp out on Saturday night. After that experience, she will never make fun of staying at a Motel 6 ever again. They will probably leave the light on for you, Lila. Her husband, Marty, was there on Sunday morning to fuel her with Dunkin' Donuts and encouragement. Not once did her feet say "stop!" • **Deborah Donovan** e-mailed several pictures. She lives in a darling historic home in a small, quaint section of New London, CT. Other photographs showed her entire family celebrating that most recent notable birthday. And I can't forget to mention the pictures of her playful cats. Their antics keep her laughing and busy. • **Sue Davies Maurer** recently returned from a 16-day trip down the Rhine in Germany. • I also heard from **Alicia Brophey**, JD'72. She has been looking for an address for **Mary Donovan**. Can anybody help? She recently got together with **Nancy McGinn Nisonson**, **Jo Flynn Pouliot**, **Joanne McMorro Struzziery**, **Liz Walker Talbot**, and **Barbie Van Ess McInerney**. Maybe I will get some more news. • **Christine LoPonte Peleckis** was so disappointed not to be able to attend the reunion. At the time, she was managing a big project at the hospital where she is employed in health information management and couldn't get away. • **Debbie Madison Nolan**, who did attend the reunion, wrote that even though the group was small, they had a lot of fun. She thought everyone looked pretty good for 62. Her first novel, *Suddenly Lily*, has just been published by Avalon Books. Look for it under her married name.

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REUNION 2009

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Hi, gang! • One classmate who will not be setting the dress code for our 40th reunion celebration is **Kevin Ahearn**, the über-agent of Boston waterfront real estate, who was just named one of the *Boston Globe's* 100 best-dressed Bostonians. Special mention was made of his suits. From the pictures, Kevin, you do look great! • Got a nice e-mail from **Tom Hessler**, writing in from picturesque Bozeman, MT, which he loves. Tom and his wife, Gatchina, have been living in the Rockies for some time now. Tom has two grown children, Jennifer and Adam, and is the grandfather of two. Thanks, Tom, for the great pictures of Montana—it's beautiful country, certainly a long way from Chestnut Hill. • Heard from the squire of Litchfield, CT, **Bill Conti**, JD'73, who is practicing law in his own firm in that county. His wife, Linda, and daughter Marissa '03 are both teachers, in the Litchfield and Boston school systems, respectively, while son Christian, a Wake Forest grad, is working in San Francisco. Bill guarantees that he, together with the rest of

the crew from 1301 Comm. Ave. **Alan Moritis**, **David Angelicola**, and **Dick Costa**, will be in evidence at our reunion in the spring. A little older but no wiser.... • Fr. **Tony Penna**, MDI'74, ME'75, for the last nine years the chaplain to athletics, has been named BC's director of campus ministry. Tony, the first non-Jesuit to hold the position, has been with the office of Campus Ministry for 17 years. He is also a resident minister in Ignacio Hall and a well-known figure in the spiritual life of the campus. • As time passes along for all of us, it seems a sad duty to end this column with a few words about classmates whose company we shall not again enjoy. **Richard Schnaidt**, a longtime literature teacher and tennis coach at St. Thomas More School in Connecticut, passed away in late June. He was highly regarded at the school not only for 28 years of service but also for his scholarship and good humor. The school's annual Founder's Day dinner this year will be dedicated to his memory. Our sympathy is extended to his wife, Sheryl, and son William. Although he was a health club owner, marathon runner, and racquetball champion, **John Snyder** could not defeat the ravages of cancer and passed away this past July. John was one of our best hockey players those many years ago and for the last 20 years had owned and operated Mass. Health and Fitness in his adopted hometown of Shrewsbury. We extend our sympathy to his wife, Justine, and to his children and their spouses. • We'll see you all soon—make your plans now for a truly memorable reunion in the spring.



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Congratulations to **Jane McMahon** on her July marriage to Steve Zaleta! Jane and Steve celebrated their union at a small, intimate service in Roxbury, CT, complete with bagpiper, picture-perfect steeped New England church, and brunch overlooking a mountain lake. Their next big decision: how to consolidate three households (Jane's Litchfield townhome, the carriage house Steve built on 13 secluded acres outside town, and Jane's vacation home in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico). We'll look forward to hearing more! Also attending were **Julie McCarthy** and **Liz Scannell Burke**. Julie enjoys being a school psychologist and the rewards that accompany improving children's lives. Recent budget cuts keep her servicing three separate schools in western Massachusetts, adding the joy of variety and the hassle of extra commuting to her life. Liz, recovering from major surgery, was headed to Prince Edward Island for summer's duration. • **Mary McAllister Fader** is excited about our June 40th reunion. She enjoys the Newton College Book Club facilitated by Professor Judith Wilt, the Newton College Alumnae Chair in Western Culture. In addition to lively discussion, Mary appreciates seeing tangible evidence that Newton's influence on BC remains alive and well. Responding to our "big 60" celebration stories, Mary reports celebrating hers at a family-organized party at her great-grandfather's Long Island home. Guests represented all parts of her life—family (including her two grandchildren),

first grade, high school, and a London stint. Having moved frequently, Mary fantasized about life "in one place," but her party confirmed to her the value of traveling and meeting new friends—indeed, even unleashed residual wanderlust. We'll await travel reports! • **Jane Garvey Reilly** also eagerly anticipates our reunion. She teaches swimming at Miami's Sacred Heart school, visits **Marcia McGrath Abbo** in Key Biscayne, and met Jane McMahon in Mexico when visiting San Miguel (where she obtained her master's) to reexperience its laid-back lifestyle. They discovered their mutual appreciation for San Miguel and Latino history/culture through this column! • I missed **Kathy Sheehan** yet again on one of her periodic visits to DC, as I was vacationing. We must live under the same star as we always travel at the same time. I hope we will reunite in June, if not before. • The nation may face a tight job market and dismal real estate market, but **Mary Ann Iraggi** tackled and conquered both. Congratulations! When her position was eliminated at ShopNBC (TV/Internet retailer) in Minneapolis, she found a comparable position she thoroughly enjoys in a small, privately-held company in Fargo, ND. She is now the merchandise manager for junior denim, bottoms, and accessories at Vanity Shop, a junior retail store chain. She also managed to sell her Minnesota home so husband Geoff and their three cats could join her in South Fargo, where she welcomes classmates' visits. She and **Clare Angelozzi MacDonald**, **Alison Caughman**, and **Joan Thompson Rogers** held a mini-reunion in Nashville, where Joan's daughter attends Vanderbilt. They went to the Grand Ole Opry, toured, and "laughed and shared our lives, and by the end of the weekend, all the years had melted away, and we were already discussing our next planned reunion." • I just returned from San Antonio, where we celebrated the marriage of our eldest son, Chris. There is nothing more fulfilling than seeing your child embark on a wonderful new life as all who have celebrated children's weddings or welcomed grandchildren can attest. So let's close with a toast to Jane and Steve, to all our offspring starting new families, and to lovers young and old everywhere!

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Greetings, everyone. **Renie Nachtigal Patterson** reported on the gala that was held on June 4 in the late **Kildeen Moore**'s honor by Voices Against BrainCancer.org. This event, held at Hammerstein Ballroom in New York City, raised money for brain cancer research and clinical trials. Kildeen's physician from Sloan Kettering, Dr. DeAngelis, was an honoree. Newton friends and classmates who attended were **Carol Tiffany Hastings**, **Lois Bligh Farris**, **Joanne Kennedy Bowers**, and **Renie**. They were joined by John

Rogers and many members of Kildeen's family who had organized the event. It was a fantastic evening for all. • On a lighter note, my wonderful husband, Ed Cutié, surprised me with a trip to Italy's Lake Como and Venice for my 60th birthday. We had a blast! As an added fun factor, it seems that cousins from my mother's side emigrated to Italy from Cuba and settled in the Venice area. We met one cousin's daughter and her husband for breakfast at our hotel. It seems my mother's cousin was a regular at Harry's Bar and hung around Hemingway. Although my Italian is very rusty (Ed's is better), we made ourselves understood. Many thanks to Dr. Ubaldo DiBenedetto, who taught us Italian at Newton! • Hope everyone is well. Please keep posting news and sending me information.

1972

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I'll start with some good news. When Tony Sanchez '10 was selected by the Pittsburgh Pirates with the fourth pick in this year's Major League Baseball draft, it meant a unique distinction for BC: We've now had top-five draft choices in all four major spectator sports, a claim that I believe no other college or university can make. The other draftees are Matt Ryan '07 in football, Terry Driscoll '69 (now athletic director at William & Mary) in basketball, and Bill Guerin '92 (one of three Eagles on the Stanley Cup-winning Pittsburgh Penguins) in hockey. I'm glad I got to report this, because otherwise it's been a sad year for BC sports fans of our era. • **Kevin Clemente**, who was a three-year starter at inside linebacker and later a businessman in Boca Raton, FL, passed away in May. He was a standout on the teams that won 17-4 in our junior and senior years. • Not much news from classmates this time, but I did hear from financial advisor-author **Phil Fraggaso**: He and Brigham Young University finance professor Craig Israelsen have coauthored a book, *Your Nest Egg Game Plan*, which has drawn favorable reviews from columnist Jane Bryant Quinn. Phil is president of I-Pension LLC and a resident of Wellesley. He has a website to promote the book: www.nesteggplan.com. • Also, I heard from **Coleman Szely**, who has been appointed to the board of directors of the New Jersey Society of CPAs. • My condolences to the families of **Joseph Murphy** of Milton and **Nancy Niedzwiecki Celentano** of Westport, CT, both of whom passed away this past spring. Nancy was a teacher who held a master's degree from Columbia University. Joe worked for the Social Security Administration. • A correction from my last column: The Rochester, NY, alma mater of Bill Cherry '74, MA'75; **John Coll**, MBA'74; and many other classmates is Bishop McQuaid High School.

NC 1972

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We lead with how **Kathleen Connor** reacted to receiving the Study of Western Culture reading list: "Oh my gosh! Nancy, this is priceless, just priceless. It is a walk into another era. I look forward to trying to recreate some of those readings. Thanks for coordinating this." Katie O'Shea McGillicuddy NC'70 also sent her praise for our SWC experience: "Thank you so much for this! I'm looking at the titles of the lectures and the readings, our professors, and thinking, 'What a brilliant course this was.'"

• Heidrick & Struggles International Inc., an executive search and leadership consulting firm, appointed **Jane D. Hartley** to its board of directors. • Reid and **Mary-Catherine Deibel** had a spectacular visit with **Rosemary Welsh Evans** and her family—husband Rob, Robby, Elizabeth, and Paul. Mary-Catherine and Reid were on the West Coast, visiting Reid's family in Vancouver, and met the Evanses for a day at their family cottage on Lake Sammamish outside Seattle. • As our fall leads to winter, please take a moment to send along news. Take care.

1973

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Happy fall and the 40th anniversary of Woodstock! • I got lots of mail this time. Keep it coming! • **John Doerr** recently coauthored a book, *Happy Professional Services Marketing: How the Best Firms Build Premier Brands, Thriving Lead Generation Engines, and Cultures of Business Development Success* (Wiley). John is cofounder and president of the Wellesley Hills Group. • **Gerry Sanfilippo** is VP of the Boston Police detectives' union. He encourages classmates to e-mail him at vpbpds@comcast.net. • **Jo-Ellen Darcy** was confirmed as President Obama's choice for assistant secretary of the Army, Civil Works. • **Kevin Glynn** wrote that he owns Choice Printing Corporation, and he gave an update on his family. He can be reached at keving@choiceprint.com. • **Sean Rush**, MBA'81, wrote that he is now president and CEO of Junior Achievement Worldwide, among other things. • Sadly, we have lost another classmate. **Leni Muscarella** passed away on June 4. • Thanks for all the e-mails and updates. Those nearby, get out and root for the Eagles!

NC 1973

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From a mini-reunion in Barrington, RI, in July 2008: **Anne Rafferty Crowley** is the Pennsylvania global warming outreach coordinator for the National Audubon Society. **Judy Reach Condit**, MA'75, retired as a consulting partner for IBM and PricewaterhouseCoopers in New York City. James and **Kate Novack Vick** continue to operate J. Stockard Fly Fishing, their second career online venture. Son Charles is a business analyst at Lutron Electronics; Sarah is a senior physics major at Stanford, where she's a member of the Polo Club. The energy of youth! Kate sent me a lovely picture of her

family at Lake Tahoe, where they had their annual family ski trip. **Liz Regan** is a paralegal with Goodwin Procter in Boston, and **Peggy Publicover Kring** is the principal of a Title I school in Jacksonville, FL. **Kathie Sullivan Murray** is an attorney with the Rhode Island Department of Education. • In other news, Bob and **Cindi Norton Cockren** celebrated their 30th anniversary in August. Erin graduated from Georgetown in 2006 and is at Saatchi & Saatchi; Garrett '09 began at Goldman Sachs in July; and Ryan is a senior at Marist College. Bob is a partner at the law firm Sonnenschein. • I received a warm note from **Christine Richards Beauchamp**, who is in San Juan (OK, that's a pun). She and Pedro—her boyfriend, when she was at Newton, who was "greeted nightly by Mrs. Donahue at Duchesne East"—have three children. Gabriel, married, is a Georgetown alumna and now a lawyer in Puerto Rico. PJ graduated from American University and Parsons School. He is a graphic artist. Giovanna '07 is in medical school, following in her dad's footsteps. Pedro and Christine returned to Puerto Rico, after his medical training, where he has a thriving infertility practice. Christine is on the board of the Puerto Rico Golf Association and a member of the Rules Committee. This honor has allowed her to travel and promote the sport while having great fun. She sends a big "shout-out" to her buds: **Mary Kay, Nancy, Karen, Linda, Marilyn, Joyce, Betsy, and Debbie**. You know who you are! • Happy news from across the pond: a grandson, named Finn, for Tom and **Margi Mulcahy O'Neill**. • **Sheila Brogan**, MA'75, and Bill Reilly '71 had the pleasure of vacationing in Chatham with their three adult children. Kate is a recent Villanova Law graduate, poised to work in New York City. • If you ignored the e-mail from BC about keeping in touch...well, dig it up and write!

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I hope you are well! Right after our reunion, I received a note from **Bob Grip**. He and **Marie (Sheehy)** celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary while enjoying our BC celebration. Congratulations! Bob has been elected president of the International Thomas Merton Society, an organization that promotes a greater knowledge of the life and writings of the Trappist monk and author. • I am sorry to have to end these notes asking for prayers for the families of three of our classmates who have passed away in the last few months. Please remember **Kathy (Warzocha) Heffernan**, who died in August, and **Kevin Fee** and **Jeffrey Woodworth**, who died in early May. They will all be greatly missed. • Take care. Please note my new e-mail address, and send some news.

NC 1974

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Our 35th class reunion news continues with classmates' notes compiled during the dinner and brunch, beginning with **Martha O'Donnell Rogers's**: "Thank you to NCDS for the great dinner on our 35th! It was so good to speak with each other last night and today. We laughed at and enjoyed **Jerri Muldoon's** movies." • An anonymous classmate wrote, "So happy that **Kathy Demello McClaskey, Sue Sullivan-Sullivan, Stephanie Rogers Sullivan, Mary Lou Maloney Howard MBA'88, Cissy Fagan**, and also their respective dates celebrated being together for reunion weekend. The fun was only surpassed by Saturday's fun dinner dance at NCDS. Great to see all." • **Susan Closter Godoy** wrote, "Thank you to all for a wonderful reunion! I'm still living in Newport, RI, with Carlos, working in South Providence doing fundraising for Dorcas Place." • From **Barbara Anne "BA" Cagney**, "My mother says hello to all. My siblings remember the football games and the shrimp! Sr. de la Chapelle continues to be my boss!" • **Jeannie Graham Canada** "is happily married and living in St. Louis." **Dorothy "Dot" Donovan** "teaches computer and Braille at the Lowell Association for the Blind." • **Mary Ellen Keegan Keyser** "enjoyed watching all three of [our] children grow and has started a laptop business selling oar jewelry that [my] husband, Nelson, makes." Visit www.mekeyser-oars.com. • From **Madeline Sherry**, "I am enjoying catching up with everyone. I am a partner with Gibbons P.C. My oldest son, Patrick Devine, just graduated from Villanova; my younger son, Michael Devine, just finished his second year at the University of Pennsylvania. It seems like yesterday that we were freshmen at Newton." • **Sharon McCarthy** is "still living in Harvard, MA, doing environmental consulting; enjoying our three teenagers, from rowing regattas with our son and horse shows with his twin sister, to looking at colleges (yikes) with our oldest." • I will continue your notes from the reunion in the next issue.



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Hello, everyone. Please mark your calendars for our 35th reunion on June 4–6, 2010. Additional details will be forthcoming. • **Gail Massari** and her dear friend **Jill Mitrosky van Soest** send greetings to all classmates. Gail has lived in Raleigh, NC, since 1980, when she moved to earn an MEd in technical adult ed. She works in Cary, developing technical new media to market software at SAS. She loves her volunteer work, which includes hearing screening for newborns. She has two daughters: One is a jazz singer in Dallas and the other an international studies student in DC. She would love to hear from South St. and Heights friends (gmassari@nc.rr.com). Jill has lived overseas and worked for the Department of Defense as a special ed coordinator since 1979. After earning her master's in deafblind education from Hunter College, she was hired by the DoD and began a 30-year career, first at Lakenheath Air Force Base in

England and then at NATO Headquarters in the Netherlands. Her husband is Dutch, and their son is a translator. Jill will soon be retiring and would love to get in touch with friends. She can be reached at jvsmvs@yahoo.com. • Congratulations to **Paul and Lisa Kasper Centofanti** on the recent marriage of their daughter Lauren '04, MS'08, to JP Fournier, MBA'07. Thirty years ago, Lisa and Paul were married in Trinity Chapel on the BC Law School campus. Lauren and JP were thrilled to follow in their footsteps. A perfect summer evening reception followed the ceremony at Stonehurst in Waltham. Lauren is the manager of corporate partnerships for BC's Chief Executives' Club of Boston, and JP works at Fidelity as a private equity analyst. Paul and Lisa's daughter Elizabeth graduated from Northeastern in 2008. She played field hockey there and now coaches at Stonehill College. Paul Jr. is entering his sophomore year at Providence College, and Dana is a freshman at BU. • Congrats to **Jane Lichman Oates, Carolyn Clancy, and Lesley Visser**, H'07, on their achievements! Jane, President Obama's choice to head the Employment and Training Administration, was confirmed by the Senate in June. A Philadelphia native, she earned her master's from Arcadia University. Carolyn has been named the 2009 recipient of the William B. Graham Prize for Health Services Research. She is a graduate of UMass Medical School. In July, Lesley was voted the "No. 1 Female Sportscaster" by the American Sportscasters Association. Lesley was the first woman assigned to *Monday Night Football* as well as the first to cover a Super Bowl sideline and the first to join the Pro Football Hall of Fame. • **Maureen Martin-Brown**, ME'd'76, enjoyed her vacation getaway from Missoula, MT, visiting family, renewing acquaintances, and catching up with East Coast classmates for lunches and beach days along the splendid Cape Cod coastline. Among the BC alums she spent time with were **Carole Magazu Mega-Ayers, Jo Ann Przewoznik Woods, Cathy Collins Martone, Evelyn Brunaccini Milner**, and yours truly. Maureen would love to hear from BC classmates as well as those from her Archbishop Williams High School days (**Gary Emond** and **Bill Weiler**). She can be reached at moken@q.com. • Thank you and merry Christmas and best wishes to all for a joyous holiday season.

NC 1975

REUNION 2009

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Hello, ladies. I've heard from many of you that **Beth Reifers** lost her mother in June after a long illness. **Kathy Curry Thibault** wrote that "quite a few Newton girls made the trip to New Canaan. The service was a wonderful tribute to her mom and their entire family, and with all the family stories told, we all know where Beth gets her outgoing spirit. Also in attendance were **Posey Holland Griffin, Ann Vernon Fallon, Kim Marshall, and Enid Hatton**. Although the reason for the get-together was a sad one, it was nice to catch up with friends." Kathy also sent contact info for **Betsy Costello Forbes**. If you would like to have that, please let me know. • I spent four days with my Hardy first-floor pals (Nancy, Louise, Liz, Lisa, and Cyndee) in July at Nancy's lake house in

Wolfeboro, NH. We talked over each other (shocking!) with late-night stories about our now nearly grown children and our own adventures, including **Cyndee Crowe Frere's** election in Dover, VT, as justice of the peace, which makes her B&B at the foot of Mount Snow a full-service stop! Fun to have **Liz Mahoney Flaherty** join the admissions office staff at the Madeira School in McLean, VA, where she can catch lunch with Sheila Reilly, the director of college counseling. Cool small world. • Posting **Karen Foley Freeman's** pictures from the Fairfield County Newton spring tea to the website, in her words, "proved it really happened." Karen also noted that "**Anne McCormick Hubbard**, who was an art major with us (but didn't graduate from Newton), lives in Rowayton and was delighted to catch up as well." • Back now to a beautiful September afternoon in Chatham, where the white sharks are lending an exciting end to the summer. Will you send me news of your summer vacations and winter plans, please? New jobs or classes you take and/or teach? Check online for expanded and late-breaking news! Stay close to each other (plan those get-together dinners and weekends) and as always, pray for peace.

1976

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Mark Alba started out with us and always considered himself a bicentennial baby. He officially graduated with the Class of '77, but he was always one of us. Mark passed away last June due to heart failure. A longtime resident of Delray Beach, FL, he had once worked for Merrill Lynch of New York and remained a financial trader. He was an avid reader of military history and an accomplished builder of tiki bars and desks, among other things. Mark is missed by many, including **Wayne R. Davies**. Rest in peace. • **Cam (Flanders) Van Noord** started out teaching, and now she's back at it. She spent last July at the Montessori training center in New Hampshire and now is lead teacher of fourth- and sixth-graders at a Florida Montessori school. Cam says she's lovin' it! • **Robert Rusak** rejoined Time Warner Cable over a year ago. He'd worked for that concern in various positions for over 15 years. In between, he served as CFO of two venture capital-backed technology companies. Robert and wife Pat have three children; two are college grads, and their youngest, Kyle, is a junior at Loyola College, Baltimore. So, no empty nest just yet! • Here's wishing all a happy and healthy autumn and winter. Please contact me with all your news. God bless!

1977

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In February, Ferring Pharmaceuticals Inc. announced the three local student winners of its **Terry McMorro** Memorial Scholarships. The award winners are students who demonstrate the ideals and values that Terry repre-

sented in his role as VP of finance at Ferring, where he served for nearly a decade before his death in 2007. His dedication, drive, enthusiasm, and achievements were an inspiration to many company employees.

1978

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I finally heard some news from a few of you; thank you, thank you! First up is **Kathleen Norris**, who lives in Plymouth, NH, but before that lived in Alaska! Kathleen is an assistant professor in educational leadership for the doctoral program and teaches graduate research courses at Plymouth State University. She also serves as an alumni admissions representative. • Another resident of New England, **Rich O'Meara** (known fondly by his BC friends as "Rich O") writes that last summer he and three of his buddies from school—**Rick McDonald, Kevin McLaughlin, and John Cornell** JD'82—took a two-day boat trip on Rich's Black Watch 26-foot powerboat to Block Island; they had invited three other '78ers—**Rich Thompson, Tad Waldbauer, and Rich Scheller**—but, as Rich puts it, "they foolishly worked!" Rich lives near Newport, RI, with wife Elizabeth and grandson David. Rich works in the composite industry (carbon fiber and core materials used to build wind turbine blades, high-end boats, and "green" buildings). He reports that business is going well despite the economy. • Also doing well is **MaryJo Glennon Goodhue**, who is a contract recruiter at Quest Diagnostics in Cambridge. She is married to Steve Goodhue '77, who is a consultant at Citizens Bank. They have three children: Michael (Northeastern '07), who is a wastewater engineer in Connecticut; Colleen (Ithaca '09), who's in New York City trying to break into the TV and radio industry (MaryJo would be so grateful if any BC alum could help her with an introduction); and Brian, who's a sophomore at St. Michael's College in Vermont. The Goodhues live in Marshfield, where "the beaches are beautiful, and everyone is welcome!" • This past summer, **Joyce Gallagher Sullivan's** daughter, J. Courtney Sullivan (the "J" is short for Julie, after yours truly, her namesake), had her first novel, *Commencement*, published, and it was on the *New York Times* best-seller list. Congrats to mom and daughter! • I would love to congratulate more of you on recent achievements career-related, new marriage-related, new grandchildren-related, yada yada yada. Rush to your computers, people!

1979

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Jane Sullivan Murphy was kind enough to send an update after the reunion. Jane and Jim have been married for 18 years. Son and daughter Conor and Fiona both attend Millburn (NJ) High School. Jane volunteers for the

Archdiocese of New York Catholic Guardian Society and Home Bureau, where she is vice chair of the board of directors and is also involved in private fundraising. A lawyer by training, Jane runs a multifamily office in New York under the name of Family CFOLLC. At the reunion, she reunited with **Jim Tansy**, **John Martines**, **Beth Jacobs Gottesdiener**, and **Annie Keller**. She and her cohorts spent the afternoon prior to the reunion on a roof garden of what was once "Chips Pub" in Cleveland Circle. She assures us that the reminiscing and the margaritas were delightful. The group missed the friends who could not make the reunion: **Joe and Nancy (Cusick) Zajac**, **Mitchell Malian**, **Brenda Hamlet**, **Patty Goeken Eggimann**, **Lynn O'Hara Curvey**, and **Kime Holman**. • **Karen Black Adams** requested reunion pictures and tells us that she and her husband moved to Raleigh, NC, in June 2006 for better weather than in Franklin, MA, where they had spent the previous 20 years. Karen adds that **Holly Freyre** has just started her Executive MBA at the University of Miami and has two children, one at the University of Washington and the other at Princeton. • **Holly Smith Shrikhande** is in India with her husband and two daughters. Her husband was recently appointed head of Rolls-Royce India after a stint with Boeing Operations in India. • **Laura Cady Lauman** is an executive at Life Technologies and lives in Palo Alto, CA, with her 22-year-old son, who is also in the biotech industry. Laura has been taking courses in wine at UC Davis and hopes to work in that industry for her second career. She has participated in BC technology forum events and has enjoyed networking with alumni. • **Gary Kayakachioian** is a finance professor at URI and lives in Narragansett. He expressed regret about missing the reunion. • **Pat Bonan**, a founding member of the Council for Women of Boston College, was the cochair of the council's Continuing the Journey program held in New York on November 16. The program is a three-part career series for BC alumnae navigating a path back into the workforce.

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REUNION 2009

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It's our reunion year, classmates! Stay tuned for info on upcoming events. Facebook fan? Join the "Boston College Class of 1980 30th Reunion" group, or go the old-fashioned route (but never admit you're not "socially connected!") at www.bc.edu/classes/1980. • **Eileen (Murphy) Krouse**, one of my freshman-year Cheverus floor-mates, writes that she has been living in Princeton, MA, for 16 years, and married the last 13. Her stepdaughter just graduated from college. Eileen works in the corporate offices of Staples in Framingham. Earlier, she worked at Fidelity Investments, T.J. Maxx, and Marshalls in the HR and paralegal fields. *Shout-out*, fellow freshman year Cheverus gals, *write!* • **David Pluta** reports he saw the 2008 class note from his junior year Hillside's roommate, **Harold Regan**. Harry was instrumental in David's life: He introduced him to the BC computer

NEW MEDIA MOGUL

If anyone exemplifies the old business adage that the "first to market wins," it's Herb Scannell '79. The former longtime president of Nickelodeon, Scannell transformed the station from a small niche channel for children to a cable powerhouse. Under his creative watch, delightfully clever shows such as *SpongeBob SquarePants* and *Dora the Explorer* became sensations.

Since March 2007, Scannell has pioneered another venture, Next New Networks, the leading independent producer of online television networks. Scannell is co-founder and currently serves as executive chairman—overseeing 16 online channels. One network, Barely Political, presents a satirical blend of short skits and music videos and spawned the memorable characters Obama Girl and the Mitt Romney Triplets during the last presidential election. To date, Next New Networks' offerings have tallied more than 600 million views—a testament to having an appealing product and staying ahead of the curve.

"Similar to the rise of cable, we're experiencing a transformation in media again, and the Internet is becoming people's first choice for information and entertainment," says Scannell. "My hope is that Next New Networks changes the media landscape for the future."

Below, Scannell brings to life more of his thoughts and reflections:

WHAT IS THE MOST SATISFYING MOMENT IN YOUR PROFESSIONAL LIFE?

I'm proud of my time at Nickelodeon—helping it become the top-rated cable network.

IN YOUR PERSONAL LIFE?

Getting married, having two kids, and watching the ball roll through Bill Buckner's legs in '86—I'm a big Mets fan.

WHAT IS YOUR BEST BC MEMORY?

Senior week, though it was a blur.

WHAT IS YOUR NEXT GOAL?

To continue to find innovations in digital media that upend traditional media.

WHAT IS ONE THING EVERYONE SHOULD DO WHILE AT BC?

Join an activity that you love. For me, that was managing the student radio station, WZBC. I'm proud that we helped usher in some new music from local artists and punk bands.



After piloting Nickelodeon to the top, Herb Scannell has turned to the Internet and Next New Networks.

HOW HAVE YOU CHANGED SINCE GRADUATION?

My hair color is different (it's a self-described "steely gray"), and I'm living in New York City.

WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO ATTEND BC?

Both my father and brother went to BC, and I liked the campus.

WHAT IS THE SECRET TO SUCCESS?

Doing something you love.

WHERE IS YOUR FAVORITE SPOT ON THE HEIGHTS?

The Dust Bowl on a sunny day, but I spent a lot of time in the McElroy basement [the location of WZBC's studio].

WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU WERE BC PRESIDENT FOR A DAY?

I'd try to lower tuition.

FOR MORE Q&A WITH HERB SCANNELL, VISIT
WWW.BC.EDU/ALUMNI/SCANNELL.HTML.

lab, which launched David's 20-year IT career with Hasbro in Rhode Island. In 2000, David reinvented himself: He returned to BC, earning a master's degree and a national certification in rehabilitation counseling, specializing in rehabilitation for the deaf. David now works for the Social Security Administration, administering Connecticut's disability program. He sends a shout-out to all: "Are we going en masse to our reunion?" • **Tom McGuire** of Fall River was recently appointed a justice of the Massachusetts Superior Court and is enjoying it very much! • **Gina Laidlaw Berger** is an empty-nester at the moment, with two daughters in college, a son in boarding school, and a husband living overseas. • **Lisa (Brown) Sheehan** is married to Phil Sullivan. They live with their five children in Darnestown, MD. Their oldest daughter graduated in May from Providence College, two are in college, and two are in high school. Lisa reports, "That is a lot of tuition!" As the director of development at St. Ann's Infant & Maternity Home, outside Washington DC, she looks after mistreated children removed from their homes and young single moms and their children. Lisa says she was inspired while at BC, living a life filled with spirituality and faith. • **Jim Tyrrell** has been living in Sudbury for 15 years with wife Laura Duffey '81 and their three children. Son Jimmy is a sophomore at BC. They enjoy many BC football and basketball games, play golf, and spend time on Squam Lake, in New Hampshire. • Thankfully, I am still hearing of 50th birthday celebrations. By far, this soiree gets the class's "Nifty 50 Palooza Award"! Senior Week II, Avalon, NJ, 43 classmates and significant others gathered to celebrate life and reconnect with friends after 28 years! Activities: Katie and **Tom Lamb's** 26th wedding anniversary dinner, golf, beach, biking, walks, shopping, Stone Harbor, Cape May, and dinner at the Princeton. The marquee event was Saturday night dinner and dancing highlighted by a visit from Old Man BC (**Chris Simmons**) and a video of our years at BC produced by pro **Midge (Marrinan) Galligan**. The weekend also included after-hours parties, water skiing, tubing, and more. Also attending were **Diane (Bancroft) Zuspan**, **Paula (Bruskiewitz) Craig**, **Bill Cain**, **Annmarie (Coyle) Finley**, **Elise (Daly) Parker**, **Mike and Tee (Doyle) Devine**, **Debbie (Dolcetti) Kutytreff**, **John and Nancy (D'Alfonso) Frates**, **Michele (Toscani) '81** and **Mike Gallagher**, **Steve Galligan**, **Eileen Garred**, **Jeannie (Goldman) Haeckel**, **Kevin Grimm**, **Joanne (Harrison) Mazar**, **Dick Jennings**, **Matt and Jane (Dolan) Kane**, **Paul LaHiff**, **Mary (Larkin) Thomson**, **Mike Loftus**, **Bill Mangan**, **Tom Merck**, **Mary Ellen (Paisley) Lee**, **Steve Shay**, **Chris Simmons**, **Helen-Lee Stevens**, **Joanne (Tierney) Marr**, and **Mark Young**. • Receiving your correspondences has been such a great welcome to my first year as your class correspondent! Reserve June 4-6 now to catch up in person on the Heights! Until then, keep those great e-mails coming.

1981

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Brett Kellam joined Deutsche Bank in New York as managing director and regional executive

for its Private Client Services division. He and wife **Sherrill (Burger)** live in Greenwich, CT, with their two daughters. • **Ann Gonzalez** released her debut novel, *Running for My Life*, written during National Novel Writing Month 2007 after a friend convinced her to join 100,000 other writers and write a novel in 30 days. Visit her website at www.anngonzalez.com. • **Jamie Dahill** is enjoying the New York City views from his roof deck at the Helena. He's working at a start-up medical device firm. • **Elena Perrello** lives in Maine and is an elementary-school counselor. She has three children: Lauren (24), Casey (21), and Chelsea (19). In May, Elena graduated with a doctorate in education from the University of Maine, where she is an adjunct instructor. • **Jim and Mary (McDonald) Supple** live in Newbury with their children: Lydia (27), Alexander (25), Christopher (23), and Evan (15). Jim works for Fidelity, and Mary works at the Wenham Museum. • **Christine Armao Carlock** owns a small business that provides educational instruction for implementation of the state immunization registry, medication administration, and CPR for medical providers. She and Paul live in Fairfax Station, VA, with their three sons. • **Sarah Lake Acton**, **Debbie Polhamus Seeto**, **Kathy Harrison Webb**, **Susan Small**, **MJ Moltenbrey** JD'84, and **Betty Henry Maher** celebrated birthdays on Fire Island, NY. **Alice Carroll Tracy** and **Anne Aisenberg** were missed. Next reunion: 2011. • **Graham Smith** is a managing partner for the CPA firm Macdonald Page & Co. LLC in South Portland, ME. He and wife Barbara have three children. • In fall 2008, **Maureen (Bourgeois) '82** and **Charlie Simmons** renewed their vows for their 25th wedding anniversary at St. Mary's Chapel on the Heights. Joining them were their four daughters: **Jennifer '09**, **Julianne '11**, **Kimberly**, and **Kristine Grace**. Charlie is an executive with Experian in Chicago. He and **Maureen** chair the Chicago Gasson Committee for the BC Fund. • Fifteen spirited Eagles flocked to New Jersey in July for their annual Animal Cup V golf tournament hosted by **Tim O'Donnell** and **Joe Harkins**. **George McGoldrick** journeyed from Cohasset to win a newly minted trophy. He joins past winners **Tim Laughlin**, **Jim Gorga**, and cup artisan **Greg Bowerman**. Joe reports that "while hairlines and waistlines have 'evolved' over the past 30 years, the smiles beckon quickly and are as familiar as ever." • **Teresa (Luckhowec Langworthy) McCaw**, now twice widowed, reports that her second husband, **Monte McCaw**, died suddenly on March 28. Our most sincere condolences to Teresa.

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My youngest daughter had hip surgery in July, so for much of the summer she was recuperating. Fortunately, we were able to spend most of it on the beach in Marshfield, and friends and family helped to make the days pass quickly. In September, my oldest daughter headed to Barcelona for her junior year abroad. • **Dave Canavan** traveled to the British Virgin Islands with **John Mahoney**, **Joe DiBiase**, and **Ed**

Delaney. They rented a sailboat and sailed from island to island, scuba-dived, snorkeled, and visited some of the colorful eating and drinking establishments. Dave thought it was just like the old days: John organized the trip, Joe was the onboard chef, and Ed was the storyteller. • **Karen Bocchicchio Hubbard** reunited with several of her Mod-mates. **Jeanne Casey Miller** and **Peggy Rice Hoyt** hosted a weekend at their home on Nantucket in July. **Morzi Degnan Tobia**, **Measi Dalton O'Rourke**, **Shelly Gallagher Creager**, **Lisa Kennedy Edmondson**, and **Beth O'Byrne** spent the weekend catching up and laughing while enjoying a beautiful weekend wandering in town, dining at the Galley, and sitting on the beach. • **Maureen Bennett**, JD'85, has returned to Massachusetts after 20 years in San Francisco. Her wife, **Ruthy**, and their children, **Gideon (6)** and **Micah (4)** live in Concord. Maureen has opened a Boston office of her law firm Squire, Sanders & Dempsey. • **Anthony DeLuca**, a Georgetown Law alumnus, practiced law in Providence from 1985 to 1998, when he married **Martha Currie** and moved to Atlanta. He is presently a partner at **Dinur & DeLuca LLP**. The DeLucas live two blocks from Piedmont Park in Midtown Atlanta. They catch the Eagles whenever they're in town for ACC games and are following **Matt Ryan '07** and his success with the Atlanta Falcons. He says that BC has a tremendous reputation with Atlantans. • **Sharon Meagher** was elected chair of the University of Scranton's Department of Latin American Studies and Women's Studies. • Several of our classmates are involved with the Council for Women of Boston College. This past March, **Katharine Kasper Luppy** participated as a host in the Take a Student to Work program at Eaton Vance. **Diane Green** hosted a member reception in Gloucester in June, and **Catherine Curtin Dyroff** is a new member of the council.

1983

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John Lakin's twin brother, **Kenneth**, runs the law firm Lakin & Lakin in Methuen, while John runs the Florida operation. John is a frequent guest on Court TV and MSNBC. Ken handles sports-entertainment law and has represented Tom Arnold and many BC NFL players. John has two teenagers, and Ken lives in Lexington with his three teenagers. • **Andy Kelley** is helping for-profit career schools generate leads and enrollments via social media, with his Andover-based company, Effective Student Marketing Inc. In 2004, Andy opened the company and has since grown a team of 15. • In October, **Michael Christian**, JD'86, published a new book, *Write Like the Masters*, under his pen name, William Cane. • **Gina (Bough) Sisti** of Scarsdale, NY, works as a real estate agent for Sotheby's International Realty. She has a 10-year-old daughter and a 13-year-old son. • From **Veronica O'Shea**: "After 23 years of leading national and regional software sales and service organizations, I moved into a global leadership role at Oracle in Mergers & Acquisitions. I still reside in the SF Bay Area but do miss Boston since moving

to California in 1989. I would love to connect with Maria Massucco [Sacco].” • **Diane Harri- gan** is the editor in chief of the *Baruch College Alumni Magazine*. She worked as a senior writer and editor at the City University of New York (CUNY) for over 16 years. Diane lives in Metuchen, NJ. • **Chris and Gael Evangelista-Uhl** live in Southborough with their children: Christopher (14) and Grace (12). Gael is an occupational health nurse practitioner for Partners HealthCare System. • **Christine (Raines) Rosner** was honored by SHARE (self help for women affected by breast or ovarian cancer) at its annual “A Second Helping of Life” dinner. Christine is a managing director and the global COO of DB Advisors, the institutional investment management business of the Deutsche Bank Group; she has been with Deutsche Bank for over 24 years. She has two boys, ages 7 and 12. • **Liz Barbera Suchy** recently joined the Stamford, CT, law firm of Sandak Hennessey & Greco LLP as a partner. She practices in the area of land use and zoning. During their annual summer vacation on Cape Cod, Liz and her family were joined by **Nancy Doherty**, who is a senior associate business manager at Kraft and Nabisco in New Jersey.

1984

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Greetings! • **Kevin McCarthy** retired after 25 years in the Navy. He spent nine years as a naval flight officer before attending medical school and becoming a flight surgeon and later a radiologist at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, MD. He visited 24 countries and moved 13 times. Kevin is now with a private radiology practice in Hagerstown, MD, and lives in Frederick with wife Lindee and children Patrick (17), Katie (16), Mike (14), and Kelly (11). • **Mary Louise Vitelli** returned to the United States after four years in Afghanistan, where she served as the legal energy and mining sector advisor to the government. She traveled the country and continues to work throughout the Central and South Asia regions. She left for Tajikistan in late August. • **Maureen A. Ryan** was the producer on *Man on Wire*, which won an Oscar for best documentary. • **Susan Westover-Giali** hosted the First Year Send-off for Southern California freshman from Orange and San Diego counties. Sixty people attended, including 14 incoming BC freshman. All enjoyed a trip on Susan's boat and a tour of Huntington Harbor. • **Dan '85** and **Beth Brickley Murner** live in Lexington, KY, with Ted (19), who is in his second year at the Naval Academy; Kelly (17); Coady (13); and Joe (9). Beth works as an educational consultant at College and School Planning Services. • **Brian McCann** enjoyed our reunion. He and others raised many glasses to classmates **Bruce Bennett** and **Joe Corcoran**, who are no longer with us. Brian is the principal of his alma mater, Joseph Case High School, in Swansea. He and his wife live in Rehoboth with children Fiona (12), Eliza (10), and Jack (8). • **Tony and Penny (Sinert) Skarupa's** daughter Haley is one of two 15-year-olds

GLOBAL CARE

Travel to one of a dozen countries around the world, and there's an excellent chance you'll find Elizabeth Sullivan Brown's influence in its health care system. The director of clinical services at Partners Harvard Medical International, a nonprofit subsidiary of Partners HealthCare, Brown has overseen health care operations in far-flung countries such as India, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Zimbabwe, and Ecuador.

A nurse with a business perspective (Brown has both an MBA and an MS in nursing), she focuses her international work in several areas, among them advancing nursing care in hospitals, developing quality-improvement systems to ensure patient safety, and enhancing operations through education and training.

Through her work, she has found fulfillment in improving health care globally and, in the process, has experienced new cultures.

“As I build great long-term relationships with people in many different countries, I appreciate the transfer of knowledge that goes both ways,” says Brown. “I definitely have more insights into life and health care now than I did earlier in my career.”

Below, Brown shares more of her thoughts and life lessons:

WHAT IS THE MOST SATISFYING MOMENT IN YOUR PROFESSIONAL LIFE?

When a patient came back to the ICU to find me the day he was going home. He wanted to thank me—he told me the last thing he heard during his cardiac arrest was my voice telling him not to be afraid and to hang on.

IN YOUR PERSONAL LIFE?

Running the Boston Marathon as a Dana-Farber team member and hearing a pediatric patient yell, “You can do it, Betsy!” as I neared the finish line.

WHAT IS YOUR BEST BC MEMORY?

Winter break 1984–85. Most of my senior class relocated to Dallas for the Cotton Bowl festivities during the height of the Doug Flutie years.

WHAT IS YOUR NEXT GOAL?

Contemplating a Ph.D.—yikes!



Elizabeth Sullivan Brown has made her career as a globe-trotting health care specialist.

WHAT IS ONE THING EVERYONE SHOULD DO WHILE AT BC?

Volunteer.

HOW HAVE YOU CHANGED SINCE GRADUATION?

I have many more stamps in my passport.

WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO ATTEND BC?

Its outstanding nursing program, extensive student life, Jesuit commitment to service, and amazing campus.

WHAT IS THE SECRET TO SUCCESS?

Still looking! But having great mentors, finding a good work-life balance, and not taking yourself too seriously is a start.

WHERE IS YOUR FAVORITE SPOT ON THE HEIGHTS?

The Quad.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU WERE BC PRESIDENT FOR A DAY?

Host a symposium on global health.

FOR MORE Q&A WITH ELIZABETH SULLIVAN BROWN, VISIT
WWW.BC.EDU/ALUMNI/SULLIVANBROWN.HTML.

selected to play on the Women's National Under-18 Ice Hockey Team, which trains alongside the Women's Olympic Team in Minnesota. Katie King, BC's women's hockey coach, also coaches U18. • **Robin Antonellis's** two older daughters are at BC, and her third daughter is in middle school in Belmont. Robin says it was exciting moving her girls into BC dorms and going to football games. Robin leads Caritas Christi Health Care's compensation and benefits functions at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center. She sends greetings to classmates **Kelly, Gayle, Lisa, Mark, Glenn, Megan, Alicia, Betsey, Maria, Janet, and Val.** • Thank you and please write soon!

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REUNION 2009

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Happy 25th reunion! • The law firm of Bagley & Taranto, of which **Martha Bagley** is cofounder, opened a new office in Boston's North End. Martha is a trustee of East Boston Savings Bank. She speaks with **Maria Malolepszy McCormack, Jennifer Tyrell Walter, Paul Cervizzi, and Greg Marengi.** • **Marnie Armstrong Weiner** is a partner at Jackson Lewis LLP. She lives in Stamford, CT, with husband Alex and daughters Valerie (15) and Ali (13). • **Hillsides C-56** roommates got together in California in July. **Pam Risio Ferraro, Rachel O'Hara Kurtyka, Mary Tyrrell Coughlin, Eileen Goerss Thornberry, and Lisa Hartunian Campbell** met at **Dan and Michelle (Barillo) McGillivray's** home. Jon and Rachel Kurtyka live in St. Davids, PA, and their son Mike is a freshman at BC. • **Betsy Sullivan Brown** received the first annual Dean Rita P. Kelleher Award from the Connell School of Nursing. Betsy is director of clinical services at Partners Harvard Medical International. • **Carlotta and Tom Soviero** hosted a summer weekend in August at their Falmouth house. Attendees included **Maura Kelley and Chris Conforti, Kevin and Kathleen Fletcher Harrington, Tom Yates and Carol Schafer, Billy and Susan (Feeney) Sullivan, Jo Ann and Bob Foley MBA'91, Beezee and Tom Honan, John and Lisa Anthony Bellantonio, Janet and Randy Seidl, Sharon and Lonnie Quinn, Dan Keating, Cathy and Bob O'Brien, Chris Quincy, Sue '86 and Jim Ferrera, Brendan Murphy '84, Lynn Chandler Spirito, Alex and Marnie Armstrong Weiner, Chrissy '91 and Steve Doucette, Phillip and Kathleen (Ferrigno) Stevens, Bill and Ann (Keohne) Barres, and Margarette and Dan Flynn.** • **Chris Canning** was elected in April to his second term as president of the Village of Wilmette, IL. Chris recently opened his own law practice in Wilmette with his wife: Canning & Canning LLC. He recently spoke with Mike "The Mole" Doyle and Mike Gregory regarding their roommate **Pete "Knees" Neronha, JD'89**, who was nominated by President Obama to be the U.S. Attorney for the District of Rhode Island. • **Mike King** and his wife and three kids—14, 12, and 9—took a vacation to Boston and visited **Ed Pla's** family on Martha's Vineyard. Mike barbecues with **John McKinney** and family at his home in

Manhattan Beach, CA, and in August met up with **Steve Tortolani** and family. Mike is the managing partner of the law firm Hennelly & Grossfeld LLP. • In July, **Bill "Willie" Slater** hosted a guys group at the Double Eagle Club outside Columbus. He is married to Lisa Ridgway '86 and lives in Kensington, MD. Willie is a first vice president at Merrill Lynch in DC. • **Mark Lavoie, JD'88**, runs his own law firm in Boston. He and wife **Susan (Hildreth)** have two kids and live in Marblehead. • **Cathy and Bob Miller** have five kids and live in Darien, CT. Bob is a bond broker in New York City. • Living only a mile from Willie is **Dennis Kilcullen** with wife Angie and four kids. Dennis is a sales director for VMware. • **Phil and Robin (Minemier) Callahan** live in Wilmette, IL. They have three daughters; the oldest is a freshman at BC. Phil heads client relations for a hedge fund. • **Bob Horne** lives in Winnetka, IL, with wife Kelly and three kids. Bob runs his own real estate firm. • **Janet** (a Notre Dame grad!) and **Randy Seidl** have four kids. The eldest, Philip, is a freshman at BC. Randy runs sales for North America for Sun Microsystems and lives in Wellesley. • **Lindsay and Joe Duggan** live in Darien and have four kids. Joe is chairman of DH Capital.

1986

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Thanks to all who responded to the request for updates from the Class of '86. It was great to hear from some old friends! • **Audrey Vallen Nee** participated in the San Francisco Avon Walk for Breast Cancer in July. She walked 39.3 miles over two days! She raised over \$7,000 from fabulous friends, family, coworkers, and BC alums to help fight this disease—and only got one blister. It was a great experience. • **Paul McDermott** writes, "This summer I relocated to Washington, DC, from Nairobi, Kenya, where I'd lived and worked as a democracy officer and development program manager in East Africa since 1998, to join the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Development Leadership Initiative (DLI) as a midcareer foreign service officer. While on home leave in mid-July, I visited the Chestnut Hill Campus as a hometown diplomat (a USAID initiative to publicize taxpayer-funded overseas humanitarian and development assistance programs) to participate in the AHANA Reconnect career advisory events. There I met alumni and freshmen students interested in international issues. My wife, Samia Awori McDermott, and kids Jermain (15), Kathleen (13), Sheila (12), and Terese (2) will remain in Washington next year while I serve an unaccompanied tour in Afghanistan on a provincial reconstruction team." • **Kirsten Rounds** is the mom of two college students and the administrative director for the emergency medicine physicians at Rhode Island Hospital, Miriam Hospital, and Hasbro Children's Hospital in Providence. • **Tara Mullins Piskator** has been living in northern Italy (in Lumignano, near Vicenza) for four years with her husband, Gene (West Point '88), and two children, Conor (9) and Annie Cate

(5). She works as a U.S. Army civilian, training staff in a child development center. Prior to settling there, they moved around with the Army for 18 years, living in exotic locations like Dayton, OH; Fort Leavenworth, KS; Fort Knox, KY; and Washington DC. Tara writes: "We've been enjoying some traveling (Ireland, Hungary, Germany, France, Austria, and around Italy) but *should* do more." • Hello to **Jamie Sullivan**, an attorney in Hartford, CT, who reports that he ran the Boston Marathon wearing a BC shirt and loved going through campus to the roar of the BC students! While in Boston, he visited with old friend **Nelson Dupere** and his wife and daughter. Nelson is an avid triathlete. Bruce sends his best to both of you!

1987

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I hope this finds you all well. I heard from many of you this time—thank you! • **Andrew Fee** moved from Nantucket to Athens, GA, with wife Donna and children Alexander (5) and Charlotte (3). He left the restaurant industry to start a custom handmade furniture business, Confidential Furniture. He's kept in touch with **Joe McGlinchey, Chris Harding, Phil Menna, Steve Welch, and Nancy Novo** through Facebook. • **Kathryn O'Sullivan** e-mailed that she recently served as executive producer of the independent thriller *The Fugue*, which had its Washington DC premiere in July. It began screening at film festivals in the fall and is available at www.indieflix.com. • In July, **Jim McEleney** relocated from London to Pune, India, to be CEO of BNY Mellon (India). He had many Class of '87 visitors during his three years in London and hopes to have the same experience while in India. • **Ann Supple Massey** is celebrating the fact that her business, Rouge Cosmetics (www.rouge.com) in Salem, was just awarded a "Best of Boston" from *Boston Magazine*. She also had dinner over the summer with classmates **Meghan Balsom, Traci Beratis Cappellini, Kristin Clough Canty, and Karen Power McNamara MA'95.** • **Colleen McFadden Jason** e-mailed after a recent trip to Boston with her family. They had dinner with Ron and **Mary Beth Hirsch Arigo** and their kids while in town. In May, she traveled to **Deborah Garcia Carey's** home in Connecticut for a weekend with **Barbara Barry Gendron, Jane Trombly, Kristin Duff Schlageter, Mary Beth Hirsch Arigo, and Cindy Pierce Marret.** • **Dan and Linda Czyryca Shea** and their three kids hosted a party for Tom '83 and **Terry (Sullivan) Montminy**, who are moving to Minneapolis with their three kids. Attending were **Joe and Monica (Geary) Steeves MS'89** with their four kids; **Jack and Lauren (Haynes) Concannon** with their four kids; **Chris JD'92 and Mary (Ronan) Kelley** with their three kids; **Jeanne Higgins; Jerry Toomey; Meg (Nann) Hayden** and her family; and **Tom and Judy (Vogle) Varney.** Everyone was looking forward to tailgating at the Heights in the fall, and many were planning to meet up at the BC-ND game in October. • Thanks to all who took the time to write! Happy 2010!

1988

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Tracey Linegar Taylor has retired from the Army Nurse Corps as a lieutenant colonel. Her last tour was as director of the Army's psychiatric nursing course. Tracey lives in Springfield, VA, with her husband and three kids. **Erin McLaughlin**, MS'96, also has retired from active duty as a lieutenant colonel. Erin's last job was head nurse of the inpatient psychiatry ward at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Today, both are contractors for the Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury. • There was a mini BC reunion on Broadway. **Anne James-Noonan's** brother Brian plays Shrek on stage, and she arranged for **Chris and Stacey (Savage) Conostas**, **Donnamarie (Schmitt) Floyd**, **Maggie McGuire** and husband **Kurt Wallace**, **Ken and Claire (Tevnan) Edmondson**, **Karen Kelleher '90**, **David Gabriel**, **Brian Sloan**, and **Mike McCarthy** to see the show and go backstage to meet the cast. At least eight children were in tow! Missing were **Laurie (Montalto) McGonigle**, **Christine (Conley) Palladino JD'93**, **Mary Ellen Chambers**, and unfortunately, the organizers, who were stuck at home in Minneapolis. An annual women's weekend also took place at Claire's Wisconsin lake house last summer, with all in attendance. Mike McCarthy sent a further update about another mini-reunion in Chicago with **Chris Conostas**, **Ethan Scott Cooper**, **Matt Schemmel JD'91**, **Rob Cerny JD'92**, **Tim Pierce**, **Kevin Haggerty**, and **Darren Spangler**. Details are hazy—it's possible that museums were visited in addition to many jazz and blues clubs. A calmer fly-fishing excursion to the Pacific Northwest is on the books next. Dinner on me if you guys come to my place in Bend, OR! • **Atticus and Kristie (Kobelski) Killough** are pleased to announce the birth of their sixth son! **Damian Jerome** met his brothers on January 30. • **Bob Rivers** was named for inclusion in Naifeh and Smith's *The Best Lawyers in America* for the area of family law. Bob has also been selected as one of *Boston Magazine's* top 100 "Massachusetts Super Lawyers." He's a partner at Boston's Lee & Levine. • **Pat McMorran** has accepted a new position at Proxy Governance as director of East Coast sales. He lives in North Attleboro with wife Jen and twins Avery and Zoe. Pat also caught up with North Carolina resident **Melissa (White) Shaheen** at their recent 25th high school reunion!

1989

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I received quite a few updates this quarter, particularly from folks who haven't written before. I encourage you to send a quick update via e-mail, or post news on the BC alumni online community: www.bc.edu/alumni/association/community.html. Cheers! • **Ken**

Scott (kscott@bostontrust.com) wrote that he completed his MS in finance at BC. He is a SVP and portfolio manager with Boston Trust & Investment Management Co. in Boston. • **Pete and Kim (Kauffman) Bates** (pjbjr66@att.net) have been married for 19 years this fall. They have three great kids: Andy (17), Tim (13), and Julia (8) whose schedules, with lacrosse games and soccer tournaments for all three, keep them busy. Kim has been teaching in Waterford, CT, for 17 years, and the family lives in Colchester. • **Jamie Moore** (jamie.moore@rcn.com) sent along a great update. He and Andrea Adam were married on a schooner off the coast of Cape Cod on June 6. They met three years ago to the day in New York City, where Andrea is executive director of the German University Alliance, and Jamie is BU professor, author, and humanist Elie Wiesel's right-hand man in New York. BC grad **Jim Curran**, officiant **Meg Curran's** husband, also attended the seaborne marriage, which was followed by celebrations in New York City and in Berlin, Andrea's hometown. Jamie's most recent return to campus was in April 2007, to cheer Andrea on as she sped down Comm. Ave. in her fifth marathon, and first in Boston. • **Dan McConnell** (dmccConnell@barknight.com) and his family have published a children's book, *The Legend of Barknight*, a story of how dogs became our best friends. Find more at www.barknight.com. • **Anne Littlefield** (alittlefield@goodwin.com) is one of 25 Shipman & Goodwin lawyers featured in the 2010 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. • **Sally Driscoll**, a founding member of the Council for Women of Boston College, cochaired the women's soccer and field hockey games sponsored by the council in September. Sally (sally@driscollagency.com) also wrote that the gals from D22–D23 (and others) gathered "off-site" at a local joint during Reunion Weekend. The group included **Rebecca Doyle Wade**, **Nancy Fox**, **Deb Fitzpatrick**, **Gillian Fucigna**, **Katie Foley Graham**, **Layni Carmichael Ratcliffe**, **Patti Curran**, **Phyllis Murphy**, **Janet Russell Collins MEd'92**, and **Ellen Foley Fitzpatrick**.

1990

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Mark Harrington continues to practice law in Houston. His firm focuses on immigration cases for foreign-born researchers and scientists at U.S. universities and high-tech companies. In June, Mark was appointed chairman of the State Bar of Texas Committee on Laws Relating to Immigration and Naturalization. • **Swift-Knowledge LLC**, a global provider of Web-based business intelligence software, has appointed **Matthew Cannon** to the newly created position of VP of channels and business development. • **John Harrington**, MBA'99, MS'03, is now director of the sales, endowments, and foundations group in the Distribution team at Turner Investment Partners. John is based in Wellesley. Previously, he was VP, sales and marketing, consultant relations at Acadian Asset Management LLC. • **Tracy Marino**

produced the documentary film *Happiness Is*, which is now being distributed independently. For the project, the filmmakers traveled from coast to coast, speaking with all sorts of Americans about how they pursue happiness, including **Alan Graham** of Mobile Loaves & Fishes, who puts his Christianity into action to feed the homeless; the Dalai Lama; authors **Dan Millman** and **Gretchen Rubin**; musicians **Willie Nelson** and **John Mellencamp**; along with comics, philanthropists, scholars, and everyday people. You can learn more about the film at www.happinessisthemovie.com. Tracy is also kicking off a grassroots tour, where each screening shares the profits with a charitable group. • **Colleen and Michael Kavney** have doubled their pleasure in welcoming twins into this world. On July 1, Katherine "Katie" Cecelia was born at 4:52 p.m., and only a few seconds later, her brother, Michael Daniel, burst onto the scene. The Kavney family lives in Georgia.

1991

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Lots of news—so let's get to it! • Pay attention, Boston residents! **Michael Flaherty** is running for mayor of Boston! Many of our fellow BC alumni are working on his campaign. We wish Michael the very best of luck! • Congratulations to **Dan and Tara Henwood Butzbaugh**, who welcomed son **Benjamin Daniel** in February. Benjamin's maternal grandfather, **David Henwood '58**, is very proud of his 10th grandchild. Tara and her family live in Manhattan. She works part-time for Whitney Partners, a financial executive recruiting firm, and Dan is an insurance linked securities broker with GFI Group Inc. • The girls of Hillside 43-D—**Kelly Biby Morales**, **Christine Pokoly Redfern**, **Katie Bresnahan Ragan**, **Lena Kim Christinger**, and **Tara Butzbaugh**—after seven years of searching, have finally found their sixth roommate, **Sonia Araujo**. She is living in Seville, Spain, with her husband and two children, **Lorenzo** and **Marianna**. Sonia works for Hedonai, Spain. Katie celebrated her 40th birthday in Chatham with the girls this summer. She and husband **John Ragan**, MS'93, live in Westborough. Lena moved to Oberwil, Switzerland, with husband **Hans** and their two children, **Jack** and **Lindsey**. Christine lives in Steamboat Springs, CO, with husband **Neill** and their three children, **Margaret**, **Mack**, and **George**. Kelly lives in Long Beach, CA, with husband **Victor** and their two daughters, **Kiara** and **Luna**, and works for the Long Beach school system. • **Sue Ramsey** joined the BC University Advancement staff as director of gift planning, after having worked in a similar role at Mass. General Hospital, where she had been for 14 years. Sue, husband **John**, and sons **Jack (6)** and **Charlie (4)** visited with **Nancy Thomson-Cantu** and her family during their annual visit to the United States. Nancy lives in Spain with husband **Peter**, twin daughters **Lauren** and **Alessandra (9)**, and son **Gavin (6)**. Nancy and Peter founded Thomson Bike Tours (www.thomsonbiketours.com), which runs performance bike trips in Europe—primarily in France, Spain, and Italy.

Sue also saw **Bridget Garrity**, who is a social worker living in her home state of Wisconsin. • **Heidi Sorenson Beigel**, **Nicole Bray Rhind**, **Erin Shay Morgan**, **Kristy Lutz Ulmer**, and **Diane Goodwin Woods** spent a week celebrating their 40th birthdays without kids, laughing and reminiscing about the good ol' days at BC while white-water rafting in Utah. • Susan and **John Brady** celebrated the arrival of their fourth child, Griffin John Brady, in June. Griffin joins Henry, Eleanor, and Claire. John is in his eighth year with MF Global, managing a sales/trading desk, while occasionally providing market commentary and analysis on CNBC, Bloomberg TV, and Fox Business News. The Bradys live in Chicago.

1992

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Tom McManus was recently inducted into the BC Varsity Club Hall of Fame. A two-time All-Big East first-team selection, he earned All-America third-team honors from *College Football News* in 1992. Tom currently ranks fourth on BC's list of all-time tacklers (427 tackles). After BC, he spent four years in the NFL with the Jacksonville Jaguars. • **Lisa Noller** married Tyler Murray at St. Procopius church in Chicago in August 2008. TJ Martinez, SJ, was an excellent celebrant, giving the most inspirational wedding homily I've ever heard. Tyler's brother Brian '97, MEd'01, was his best man, and Kit Noller '97 and **Kevin Duggan** were attendants. In the small BC world, Brian and Kit were friends at BC years after Lisa graduated. **Gail Balcerzak** was a reader. Other classmates in attendance included **Mark and Gina (Hager) Moitoso**. Last summer Lisa and Tyler ran the Great Wall Marathon in China. • In January, former roommates **Kathleen (Gillespie) LaManna**, **Elizabeth (Spillane) Gujral**, **Jennifer Parent**, **Laura Selfors**, and **Erica (Waldron) Wynocker** enjoyed a minireunion on a cruise to Cozumel. They were sad that **Pindy (Childs) McKee**, who lives in Northern Ireland, could not make the trip. Katie lives in Glastonbury, CT, with husband Mark and two kids, Jackie (7) and Danny (5). She is a partner in the Hartford office of the law firm Shipman & Goodwin, practicing in the areas of corporate trust default and bankruptcy and creditors' rights. Elizabeth lives in Menlo Park, CA, with husband Inder-Jeet and is currently staying at home with their three children: Alexander (6), Eve (4), and Simon (1). Laura lives in Arlington with her husband, Kevin Madden, and their two children, Anna (8) and Erin (6). Laura enjoys her part-time work as a bioinformatics consultant studying breast and ovarian cancer at Harvard Medical School. Jennifer is a partner in the litigation department at McLane, Graf, Raulerson & Middleton PA in New Hampshire. Erica lives in Cleveland with husband Mason and their two children, Bella (6) and Drew (4). Pindy now goes by Alexandra and has an Irish lilt just to keep us on our toes. She is a freelance writer and editor with four children: Madeleine (7), John (6), Christopher (4), and Ryan (2).

1993

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Erica LePore shares some great news about her father, James LePore '69, who has published his first novel, an international thriller titled *A World I Never Made* (The Story Plant, 2009). Erica's sisters, **Adrienne LePore '95** and **Jamie LePore McClutchey '98**, are also very proud of their father's achievement. • *The Color of Democracy in Women's Regional Writing* by **Jean Griffith** was published in September by the University of Alabama Press. Jean is an assistant professor of English at Wichita State, where her focus is on American and ethnic literatures. She holds an MA from Temple University and a PhD from Texas A&M University. • **Mimi (Sullivan) '95** and **Tom Gallagher** announce the birth of their third child, Daniel Sullivan Gallagher, on July 18. Daniel joins his big sister Elizabeth (4) and brother TJ (3) in Pembroke. • **Beth and JP Plunkett** celebrated the birth of their little girl, Paige Ella, on July 13. Paige joins her brother Patrick (3). • **Jeanie Taddeo** would like to share a personal story in the hopes of sending an important message to fellow classmates: Jeanie was diagnosed in February 2008 with invasive breast cancer. As difficult as that news was, she was also 15 weeks pregnant with twins. After three doctors informed her that it was "nothing" but a clogged milk duct, she followed her instincts and sought a fourth opinion. Jeanie was treated very aggressively, and successfully, with both chemo and surgery. She is still recovering but getting stronger every day. To give back for all that was done for her by the University of Pennsylvania, she completed the Race for the Cure in Philadelphia on Mother's Day, raising \$4,600 (sixth overall for all participants). Jeanie would like to stress the importance of self-examinations and to encourage her fellow classmates to always follow their instincts.

1994

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I'm so incredibly proud of my two roommates, **Erin (Miller) Spaulding** and **Deb (Nugent) Lussier**, JD'99, who both completed the Ellington (CT) Sprint Triathlon in July. Erin won her division. Congrats, you guys. You're amazing! • **Andrew and Amanda Koenig Stone** were thrilled to welcome their first child, Shea Olivia, on March 3. The Stone family lives in New York City and enjoyed their first summer with their wonderfully happy and smiley little girl. • **Maj. Jennifer Crawford**, an instructor in the U.S. Army's Command and General Staff School's Department of Command and Leadership at Fort Leavenworth, was named Military Instructor of the Year. Jenny has been an instructor at CGSS since July 2006, where she teaches leadership curriculum and elective classes in military criminal law. • **Geoffrey**

Crouse has been named VP and COO of Immucor Inc., a global leader in providing automated instrument-reagent systems to the blood transfusion industry. • **Regine Webster's** second daughter, Ruby Christine Fryling, was born on New Year's Eve—definitely a party in their house! Ruby will be a southerner, as Regine and her family now live in Nashville! • **Lisl (Mayer) Heiden** also welcomed her second daughter, Elle Marguerite, on March 12. Lisl and her husband, Mike, live outside Boston. • Finally, a correction. There were a few (probably obvious) errors in the last issue that occurred during the editing process. As you all know, **Eric Tennesen** and **Mark Tamisiea** are not **Joe Healey's** children—and no, Joe is not a Jesuit! My apologies for the errors.

1995



REUNION 2009

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"How old would you be," asked Satchel Paige, "if you didn't know how old you are?" This marks the beginning of our 15th reunion year! It might be natural to feel a bit old with this announcement. Today, however, as I find myself on different Heights, awaiting the arrival of a new freshman class, I feel the anticipation and expectation I had when I was 17. For those of us who work at schools, fall brings both the new and the familiar, with new faces, news from the summer, and the reunion of friends you haven't seen since spring. • Our update this issue features many new faces, as the Class of '95 continues to bring new life into the world. Cara and **Luke O'Connell** welcomed their first son, Daniel Francis, on May 21. Luke and his family live in Bloomfield, NJ. • **Scott and Julie (Ashley) Whitehead**, MEd'97, welcomed their son Tyler Robert on June 16. He is joined by his siblings, Ryan (6) and Ashley (4). • On July 18, Tom '93 and **Mimi (Sullivan) Gallagher** welcomed their son Daniel Sullivan Gallagher. • **John and Margaret Enis Spears** welcomed their first child, Michael Thomas, on July 30 in Oklahoma City. Michael Thomas got his diplomatic passport (how cool is that?) for the family's September return to Bogotá, Colombia, where Margaret and John work in international development. • **Allison and Sean Flahaven** welcomed Ciaran Bruce Patrick Flahaven on May 7. He joins his brother, Will (2). They live in Ossining, NY. Sean is VP of theatre, standards, and print for Warner/Chappell Music Publishing in Manhattan, where he handles songwriters from Gershwin to Green Day. He also teaches at the Tisch School of the Arts at NYU and is active in the BC Arts Alumni Network. Alli is an actress, teacher, and artistic director of the Mighty Theater in Peekskill, NY. • **Alana Zimmerman** wrote to me with a career update. After her tenure at Bank of America Securities, Alana accepted a position as VP for Ziegler Capital Markets in New York City, where she will continue to do institutional sales for municipal bonds. Best of luck in the new job, Alana! • Anticipating our reunion, **Danielle (Valentini) Thomson** writes "I can't believe that 15 years have gone by!" She is married with two

children, Dehlia (4) and Benjamin (2). She has been a physical therapist for 10 years, working in New Jersey and New York. Danielle and her family live in Brookside, NJ. • **Melissa (Celata) Cacciapaglia** is “looking forward to getting back to campus this year” as we celebrate our 15th reunion, and her dad celebrates his 50th! Melissa and her family live in Franklin. She’s at home with her two children, Hannah (5) and Matthew (4). Melissa serves as one of the leaders of the Family Readiness Group of her husband’s Army Reserve unit. • Maj. **Stephen Woodside** deployed to Al Anbar Province, Iraq, this past August with the 82nd Airborne Division. He’ll return to his wife, **Kate (Hoffmann) Woodside**, and their new baby boy, Declan Ryan (10 months old), around August 2010. Prayers for their safety and thanks for their service go out to the Cacciapaglia and Woodside families. • Thanks to all who wrote in! Come join the Boston College ’95 and Boston College Class of 1995 15th reunion groups on Facebook! I hope to see all of you in June! God bless!

1996

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Megan Mulcahy married **Hugh Bischoff** in Old Lyme, CT, on June 27. Guests included **Richard and Michaela (Moore) Dohoney** JD’99, **Christian and Aileen (Healy) Albertson**, **Lesley Mahoney, Holly (Rodrigues) Doto, Rachelle “Shelly” Letersky Dobbs, Gena Rivera Ruggeri, Heather Lavers Crisci, and Jay Reichle**. Jay says he requested “Like A Prayer”—“surely to be the highlight of the reception,” he writes. The couple live in San Francisco. • **Megan Devers** writes that she married **Kevin Finnerty** on November 22, 2008, in Arlington, VA. **Dana Colarulli ’95** and his wife, **Nancy Drane ’94**, attended the wedding. Megan completed her master’s in literature and language at Marymount University in 2005. She is director of communications at National Presbyterian School in Washington DC. The couple live in Arlington. • **Tracey Gilroy Giglia** writes that **Ed and Katie Devin Dauphinais** welcomed a baby girl, **Sarah**, in April. • **Rachel Garvey Kelly** writes that she finished the Boston Marathon with her husband, **Billy**, with whom she is celebrating 10 years of marriage. • Finally, thanks to everyone who supported BC through the Neenan Challenge! To view the list of donors or to make a donation, visit www.bc.edu/honorroll.

1997

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We’ve got a short column this month, but it’s packed with good news. We’d love to hear from you too, so please send in your update. • **Tom and Julie (Tucker) Rollauer** welcomed their first child, **Megan Elizabeth**, on June 17. Julie and Tom currently reside in Bronxville, NY. • **Toni (Lenge) Janota** is proud to announce that she and her husband, **Jeff**, welcomed their

second child, **Cooper Scott**, on April 25. His big sister, **Andie Elyse**, who was 17 months at the time, is very proud as well! The family lives in Westfield, NJ, and Toni continues to work at Deloitte & Touche. • After an 11-year career arranging multimillion dollar equity investments in institutional real estate, CSOM graduate **Sarah (Symond) Laubinger** left corporate America and launched her online shop, **Up My Sleeve Boutique**, where she has made more than 75 sales and designed items for First Lady Michelle Obama as well as celebrity daughters **Suri Cruise, Violet Affleck**, and several others. **Up My Sleeve Boutique** offers three New England-inspired lines: **Nantucket Basket Purses, Hope N Joy Jewelry**, and **Center of Attention Décor**, created by Sarah herself. She is thoroughly enjoying her “mompreneurship” while being at home in Hamilton with her two kids, **Nicholas and Ashley**, and husband **Ted Laubinger**. Check out her creative designs at www.upmysleeveboutique.etsy.com. • **Mea (Quinn) Mustone**, MED’06, and husband **Tim** welcomed a baby girl, **Rowan Mary**, on April 19. She joins big sister **Quinn (6), Teagan (4), brother Cullen (3), and sister Nevin (1)**.

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Jason and Natalie (Scott) Dwyer would like to share the news of the arrival of their second child, **Evelyn Ann Elizabeth**, who was born on February 15. She was welcomed by her brother **Emmet (2)**. • **Rev. Brian O’Brien** was recently appointed by his bishop to be president of Bishop Kelley High School in Tulsa. He was a teacher and coach there right out of BC and is now back as head of the school. • **Dave and Katie (Regan) Kane** welcomed their second daughter, **Avery Elizabeth**, on May 17. They live in Watertown. • **Anthony Tecce** finished his master’s degree in new media at Emerson College. • **Stephen and Stephanie (Gaviglia) Hall** welcomed a baby girl, **Natalie Howland Hall**, into the world on June 17. They are doing well and enjoying the experience of parenthood. They live in Natick. **Stephanie** is working at EMC as a senior HR manager, and **Stephen** is working for the family construction business. • **Jonathan and Sarah (Colbert) Bracken** welcomed a daughter, **Madelyn Lorraine**, on December 18, 2008. They recently moved to Needham. **Sarah** was a bridesmaid in **Amy Rourke’s** wedding to **Dave Banister** on July 18 in Stonington, CT. **Jill Winters, Leanne Smith, and Andrea LaRocque** were in attendance. • I am happy to announce that my husband, **Nate**, and I welcomed our second daughter, **Eleanor “Ella” Jaye**, on May 31. **Eleanor** arrived three weeks early—what a surprise! She was small but otherwise healthy. She joins big sister **Lillian (2)**. • On October 24, 2008, **Kristen Wolthausen Frame** had a second baby, **Ryan Patrick**, who joined big brother **Jackson (3)**. She and her family now live in Charlotte, NC. Her husband, **Jake**, has a job with GE Capital that has moved them several times, and **Kristen** has been fortunate that her employer has moved her each time as well. She is currently manager of worksite solutions for the East Coast at the Principal Financial Group.

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Michele (Furman) Leisse welcomed a baby girl, **Riley Alice**, on May 5. They live in Marlton, NJ, where **Michele** is a special education teacher. • **Carrie Friedman** announces her first book, *Pregnant Pause: My Journey Through Obnoxious Questions, Baby Lust, Meddling Relatives, and Pre-Partum Depression*. **Carrie** lives in Los Angeles, and her Web site is www.carriefriedmania.com. • **Eileen McDermott Marriott** and husband **Erich** welcomed a daughter, **Cecelia Elizabeth**, on April 27. She joins her big brother **Haydn (4)**. The family lives in Cranford, NJ. • **Jeff Bridge**, MS/MBA’08, married **Jana Rhude** on May 23 in Tampa, FL. Class of ’99ers in attendance included best man **Chris Millette, Patrick and Sara (Calnen) Cassidy, James Ullrich, Kate (Forgiano) Bingham, George MBA/MS’08 and Kaitlin (Mulcahy) Leuchs MA’02, and Ryan Freeman**. Other BCers included groomsmen **Ryan Heald ’00; Bobby Adams ’01; Jeremy Bass MBA ’08; Amanda Marsh MBA’09; Ben Keffer MBA’08; Tara Wilcox ’03, MBA/MS’08; Brea Kichefski MBA’08; Colleen Pentland MBA’08; Tony Scuderi MBA’04; Elizabeth Stocker MBA’08; and Kelly Robinson ’00, MBA’08**. **Jeff and Jana** spent two weeks in Costa Rica on their honeymoon. After graduating from the Carroll School, **Jeff** moved back to Florida, where he is working in investment banking. • **Danielle and Tom MacKinnon** welcomed daughter **Madeline Rose** on June 17. **Maddie** was also welcomed by her older brother, **Neil**. • **Colleen (Doyle) ’00 and Damian Paletta** welcomed **Megan Blair** to the world on August 6. She’s beautiful!

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Aaron Patnode graduated from the University of Minnesota with both MBA and MHA degrees. He moved to Portland, OR, to begin work with Kaiser Permanente Northwest. • **John Kalin**, in his sixth year of training after medical school, is a cardiology fellow at Tufts Medical Center and lives in South Boston. • **Steven Covelluzzi** finished his doctorate in clinical psychology in San Diego, where he also lives. **Steven** is working as a postdoctoral fellow in a group private practice specializing in working with children/adolescents and families. Additionally, he is conducting psychological testing in the areas of ADHD and PDD. • **Jason and Alison (Doran) Marshall** visited with **Jorge Ros ’99** and his family in Madrid in June. • On June 27, **Nadia Lehmejian** graduated from Bikram Yoga Teacher Training, an intense nine-week certification program held in Palm Desert, CA. • **Tiffany Cooper**, PhD’07, married **Mouhamed Gueye**, MBA’09, in August 2008. She is currently CEO of BELL (Building

Educated Leaders for Life), a Boston-based nonprofit. Tiffany was honored by both the *Network Journal* and *Boston Business Journal* as one of the top "40 under 40" young professionals achieving great things and making a difference in the community.

- **Kristen Grabowski** married Michael T. Hoey on October 11, 2008, at the New York Athletic Club in New York City. The couple live in Hoboken.
- On November 28, 2008, Timothy Coffey and Heather Burke were married. They reside in Rye, NY.
- **Joanna Enstice** married Phil Kerpen on June 13 at the Cosmos Club in Washington DC. Joanna is an associate in the Washington DC office of McDermott Will & Emery in the Employee Benefits practice group.
- **Kathleen Ryder** married Nick Caserio on June 19 at Belle Mer in Newport, RI. The couple both work for the New England Patriots organization.
- Nathan Farr and **Laure Rakvic-Farr** welcomed Maya Rose on December 3, 2008. Laure is currently taking a "break" from working as a civil litigation attorney to stay home with Maya. The family lives in Madison, WI.
- After recently relocating from London back to New York City, **Tim and Jessica Sombat Carey** welcomed their first child, Jane, in January.
- Michael and **Rebecca Ratner Keskowski** welcomed their first child, Olivia Rose, on March 24. The family lives in Glen Ridge, NJ.
- Adam and **Francesca (Behr) Sicard** welcomed their second child, daughter Zaira Kathryn, on March 26. The family lives in Raleigh, NC.
- On May 1, **Jason and Jodi Nichols Williams** welcomed their second child, Marisa Rose, who joins big sister Kiley Elizabeth (4).
- Matthew and **Jasara Evangelist Peskie** welcomed their first daughter, Addison Rose, on May 11.
- Mike and **Meg Miles Loester** welcomed their second son, Ryan Miles, on May 28.
- Erin and **Jared Leland** and their daughters, Kate and Caroline, welcomed Elizabeth O'Connor to the world on June 11. The family resides in Pittsburgh, where Jared is a corporate and entertainment attorney, and Erin is an integrative nutritionist.
- On July 1, Cara and **Joe Famighette** welcomed Tessa Patrice to the world. The family lives in Maynard.
- Ryan and **Laura DeLong Hummer** welcomed their first child, Ella Grace, on July 3. Laura continues to practice law in Cleveland and live in Rocky River, OH.
- After celebrating their fifth wedding anniversary in June, **Landon and Cassie Kogelschatz Clark** had their second son, Alexander, on July 29. Older son Xavier (3) loves having Zander around.
- Save the weekend of June 4-6 for our 10th reunion!

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Pierre '00 and **Katrina Claridad Mendoza** were married on June 13 in St. Ignatius. A reception followed at the Boston Harbor Hotel. In attendance were groomsmen Joe Watana '00 as well as **Edward Lee, Vong Vongsavang, Brian Ciabotti, Glizhelle Alarkon, Kyle Ingram, and Vipra Sharma** '00. The couple live in Philadelphia.

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Congratulations to **Casey DePalma**, who married Kevin McCartney Jr. on October 26, 2007, in Tarrytown, NY. In attendance were bridesmaid **Meaghan Flaherty Dupuis**, MA'07, and guests **Mary and Stephen Murray, Nicole Abbate, Angela Yingling, Nora Gillespie**, and Tom '01 and **Mandy McGuinness**. The couple reside in Montclair, NJ.

- **Julie O'Rourke** and **Patrick Hannon** were married at BC's Trinity Chapel on May 9, with a reception at the Fairmont Copley Plaza. Parents of the bride are Carmen and Tom O'Rourke '72. Bridesmaids were Lori Massa, Jenn Ossen, Christina Mucci '06, **Stacy (Hamilton) Mucci, Jennifer (Stahl) Gilleberto**, Val O'Hearn, Julie Picariello, and Laura Downey. Groomsmen included **Sean Gillespie, Steve Marini, John Healey, Brian Madden**, and **Jason Cullinane**. The couple honeymooned in Italy and now reside in Washington DC.
- **Tiffany Anzalone** married Spc. Richard "Benny" Benedict, U.S. Army, on July 19, 2008, in Lighthouse Point, FL. Benny is currently deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The couple live on Oahu in Hawaii. In attendance were **Kimberly Anderson Blais, Elizabeth Klaes, Christine (Cordek) and Connor Mulcahy** JD'05, and **Bridget Kelty**.
- **Maura Hossack** and **Brian Langan** were married on June 27 at the Andover Country Club in Andover. In attendance were bridesmaids **Rebekah Seaman** and guests **Jocelyn Saxon** '01; **Cara Rooney** '01; **Eva (Wallman) and Chris Barbier; Hanna Mak; Steve Mullenbrock; Claire (Schnabel) and John Chiesa; Paul** '05 and **Shannon (Langan) Tomaszewski** '04; **Michael Parker** '06; **Jacob Stahl** '06; **Andrea (Larumbide)** '03 and **Matt List** '05; and **Tracy (Griffin)** '83, MSW'91, and **George Fischer** '83. The couple live in Boston, where Brian works at CRA International, and Maura is in her final year of a master's degree in nursing.
- **Greg** '00, MBA'06, and **Alexis (Kostopoulos) Dwyer** are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Grant Thomas, on December 21, 2008. The family lives in Salem.
- **Ginger (Lipsy)**, MA'03, and **Gary Gabor Jr.** were married in July 2007 in Breckenridge, CO, by Arthur Madigan, SJ, of the Philosophy Department. In August 2008, they welcomed a little girl, Elizabeth Pearl. In the fall, the Gabors moved to Belgium, where Gary, who was awarded a Fulbright fellowship, will be doing research in ancient philosophy.
- **Susan Cook**, MA'04, earned her PhD in English from UC Santa Barbara in June and accepted a position as a postdoctoral scholar at the University of South Florida. Susan married Randy Brown in 2003.

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On June 6, **Stephanie Corrado** and **Tommaso Bencivenga** were married in Fort Tryon Park, NY; attendants included **Katie Reagan, Justin Roeber, and Winston Cuenant**.

- **Naitnaphit Limlamai** and **Jeremy Spiegel** were married in two beautiful ceremonies in June in Georgia; they teach high school in Atlanta.
- **Katie O'Hara**, MA'05, married Mark Cintolo '04 on June 27; attendants included **Maura (Mahady-Potter) Morse**, MA'06, and **Cara (Halpern) Goldberg**.
- **Michael O'Connor**, MS'06, married Kerry Shaughnessy '07 on July 11 at St. Ignatius; attendants included **Matthew Harmon** and **Jennifer O'Connor**, MA'03, PhD'06.
- **Bob** '04 and **Ali (Foley) Sherk** welcomed their son, Dean Thomas, on April 28.
- **Cass Chisholm** graduated from the University of Glasgow in December 2008 with a master of letters with merit in modernities.
- **Nick and Katie (Horn) Riolo** welcomed their first baby.
- **Charlene Biala** married **Joseph Irineo** on July 25 in New York; attendants included **Cynthia White, Jessica Muriel, Giannina Gutierrez, and Rufus Caine**.
- **James Colligan** married Courtney Cromwell on June 13; **Mark Metwally** was a groomsman.
- **Amanda (Gibbons) Minerva**, MEd'04, and her husband welcomed their first baby, Thomas Michael, on July 23.
- **Laura Cassato** married Peter Roe on June 27 in Denver.
- **Anna Nelson, Katrina Pardo** MSW'07, **Kelly (Salerno) Parker, Sarah McKenzie** JD'08, and **Emily Peca** were bridesmaids.
- **Krista Jarmas** married Matthew Aslanian on April 4 on Key West; **Lauren Todaro** was a bridesmaid.
- **Megan Healy** married Niall Fahy on December 31, 2008, in Saratoga Springs; Lauren Todaro was a bridesmaid.
- **Michael Cormack** completed a master's at Columbia University.
- **Kelly (Agostinacchio) Forquignon** and her husband announce the birth of their BC Superfan, Madelyn Grace, on June 25.
- **Tegan M. Willard** welcomed her second boy, Silas Wells Willard, on July 2.
- **Todd A. Theman** graduated from Harvard Medical School and is a resident at Harvard and an intern at Mass. General Hospital.
- **George Chmiel** planned to run a 155-mile race in the Sahara to raise money for Luci, who was born with panhypopituitarism; visit www.luciandgeorge.com.
- **Caitlin (Sullivan) Crowther** and her husband welcomed their first baby, Sullivan, on February 12.
- **Miguel and Nicole Martinez** had their first child, Jackson Edward, on August 20.
- **Kim Carlson** and **Mark Cichra** were married on June 28 in Spain and celebrated on August 15 in Naperville.
- **Erin Regina Helfrich** received a PhD in philosophy from Emory University; she will teach at Morehouse College.
- **Elizabeth Reh Ralls** and her husband welcomed their first baby, John "Jack" McKenzie Ralls III, on December 7, 2008.

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It is with sadness that I report the passing of **Andy Marsh** on August 4 after a brave two-year battle with melanoma. He is survived by family, including sister Jen '06. Andy was a beacon of love, strength, patience, and peace to all who knew him, and he will be missed terribly. A scholarship fund has been set up

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in his honor; please contact me for details.

• **Chris Wholey** married Erin O'Brien '03, MEd'08, on September 19, 2008, at St. Joseph's Church in Boston. Alumni in attendance included James Baranowski '00, Amberly Chaplin '03, Katie (Mooney) DiPierro '05, Mark DiPierro, Matt Millea, and Mark Pecora. • **Kathryn Rolewick** married Kurtis Peterson on August 1 at the Morton Arboretum in Lisle, IL. Classmates in attendance included Lindsey Disch, Emily Eule, Erin Kelly, Catherine LeFloch, Bryce McManus, Lindsay Ravens MS'05, Kate (Coughlin) Snee, and Kerry Whalen. • **Michelle Riston** and **Patrick Miller** were married on June 6 in Miami. Alumni in attendance included Ben Albuquerque, Derek Apfel, Vanessa Bolano Gonzalez, Dan Elman, Katherine Ragusa Keller MA'05, Alison Ragusa '03, Cory Silveira, and Alex Solodyna. The couple reside in Dallas, where Patrick attends law school at Southern Methodist University, and Michelle works as a senior examiner for the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority. • **Brian Favat** and **Megan Triebwasser**, MA'06, were married on June 5 at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Sacramento. Fr. Richard McGowan officiated the ceremony. Groomsmen included Christian Russo, Andy Marsh, Jeff Martyn, and Raj Thind. Attendees included Justin Brill, Tony Buglione, Elizabeth Furbish, Jenn Garbach, Ari Kakounis MEd'05, Alexis Karsant, Lindsey Kurnath, Brian Kwak, Lindsey Principe MS'05, and Claire Walters. The couple live in Evanston, IL. • **Tim Wientzen** and **Kendra Sena** were married in June in Corrales, NM. Classmates in the wedding party included Jonathan Evans and Becca Lille. Also attending were Mitch Fraas, Donald Harrison, Ann Hodgson, Aaron Mann, Kathleen O'Connor, David Pedulla, and Sara Guy '02. Tim is currently working on a PhD in English at Duke University, and Kendra is a law student at Harvard University. • **Natalie Meyers** was promoted to captain as a flight nurse in the California Air National Guard. In the fall, she was planning to enter the nurse anesthesia program at the USC. • **Katie Trong** received a PhD in educational research, measurement, and evaluation from BC in May. She received the IEA's Bruce Choppin Memorial Award for her doctoral dissertation.

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Katy Sammartano married Will Steere on July 10 at Tappan Hill Mansion in Tarrytown, NY. The wedding party included Tara Shanes-Hernandez MEd'07, Ben Janse, Tom Forsythe, and Andrew Sclama. Others in attendance included Amar Ashar, Katie Bartel, Chip Bell, Kari Bohlen, Ned Borgman, Chris Burke, Emily Chambliss, Christine Cortellini MEd'06, Ashley Coutu, Joe Demir MEd'06, Tom Dettore JD'08, Ross Ericson, Michael Aaron Flicker, Katharine Furey, Michael Gabbert, Heather Gatnarek, Rishabh Godha, TJ Gordon MS'06, Kate Gunnery, Sam Huntley, Amaris Kinne, Jeremy Landry, Pete Mazzone, Dominique Pradella, Shana Rabinowich, Betsy

STYLE WITH SUBSTANCE

For Mary Tomer '03, Michelle Obama's style is worth noticing every day, not just when the first lady wears shorts to the Grand Canyon. Tomer first became a dedicated follower of Obama's fashion when she began making frequent public appearances in summer 2008. A few months later, Tomer started her blog, Mrs-O.org, which tracks the eclectic styles of the first lady.

"One of my all-time favorites is the dress she wore the second night of the Democratic National Convention—an ivory and lime rose-patterned brocade cocktail dress by Peter Soronen. For all intents and purposes, this dress was the inspiration for Mrs-O.org."

Her blog averages 330,000 hits per month and showcases photos and commentary on Obama's past and present styles, and even spotlights former first ladies and their fashions.

The site undoubtedly struck a chord. She was soon featured as a fashion consultant on the *Today* show and, within two months of the site's debut, she was offered a book deal. *Mrs. O: The Face of Fashion Democracy* hit stores this October and contains rare and detailed photos of numerous pieces that Obama has worn, as well as interviews with the designers.

Below, Tomer reflects upon BC and her burgeoning career:

WHAT IS THE MOST SATISFYING MOMENT IN YOUR PROFESSIONAL LIFE?

The day the first copy of *Mrs. O: The Face of Fashion Democracy* arrived in stores.

IN YOUR PERSONAL LIFE?

I recently became engaged to the love of my life!

WHAT IS YOUR BEST BC MEMORY?

I was lucky to make an amazing group of friends. We're dispersed up and down the East Coast now, but our weekly group e-mails and girls' weekends are as fun as ever. My best memories are with them.

WHAT IS YOUR NEXT GOAL?

Earn my MBA.

WHAT IS ONE THING EVERYONE SHOULD DO WHILE AT BC?

Drive a Winnebago to South Bend for the BC vs. Notre Dame game.



Mary Tomer can't get enough of Michelle Obama's style, and fashionistas can't get enough of Tomer's site, Mrs-O.org.

HOW HAVE YOU CHANGED SINCE GRADUATION?

My perspective on careers has changed. I remember feeling a lot of anxiety about what I would do after college. Looking back, I would have put less pressure on myself to find the perfect job at 22.

WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO ATTEND BC?

The final decision was based on instinct, above all else.

WHAT IS THE SECRET TO SUCCESS?

Early signs point toward doing something you love and surrounding yourself with people that both support and inspire you.

WHERE IS YOUR FAVORITE SPOT ON THE HEIGHTS?

Bapst Lawn.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU WERE BC PRESIDENT FOR A DAY?

I'd plant another lawn. (I have a penchant for green spaces.)

FOR MORE Q&A WITH MARY TOMER, VISIT
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Radtke, David Samikkannu MS'06, Sara Sairitupa, Paul "Ethan" Schuler, David Tollerud, Megan Treacy, Justin Virojanapa, and Diana Wong. • Thomas Treacy recently accepted a position at Credit Suisse Securities (USA) in New York City on the institutional equity sales desk. Tom had been employed at Sidoti & Company as the firm's head of institutional equity sales in London. • Clay Westrope is planning to pursue an MA in sustainable international development at Brandeis University's Heller School for Social Policy. • Gloria Knight, MEd'06, and Max Vasershteyn were married on Long Island on June 26. • Kate Fernandez and David Sun were married in Beaver Creek, CO, in July 2008. They now reside in Miami. • Mike Del Ponte founded Sparkseed, a nonprofit organization that invests in college social entrepreneurs and ventures that address social and environmental issues. • Ben Bireley was recently selected as chief articles editor for the *Texas Law Review*. • Margaret Gavin and Hugh Galligan, MEd'06, were married on June 26 in St. Mary's Church in Wells, ME, by James Fleming, SJ, MEd'84. Classmates in the wedding party included Kathryn Brennan MEd'06, Stephen Fitzgerald, Katelyn Petralia, and Gregory Tarca. The couple reside in Dedham. • Bryce Pinkham received his MFA from the Yale School of Drama and has since performed at the Williamstown Theatre Festival, the Bay Street Theatre, the Guthrie Theater, and The Public Theater off-Broadway. He is currently performing in the world premiere of Horton Foote's *The Orphans' Home Cycle* with the Hartford Stage and Signature Theatre Company. • Christina Xenides graduated from Seattle University School of Law on May 16. She plans to practice international human rights law with UNHCR in Nicosia, Cyprus. • Max Duganne and Laura Warmenhoven, MA'06, were married in Santa Monica, CA, on August 1. Groomsmen included Paul Gregory and Sarosh Nentin, while fellow BCers Dana Vartabedian and Ashley Christie '07 were bridesmaids. • Lindsey Condon and Colin Moynihan were married in Trinity Chapel on Newton Campus, where they met their freshman year. Bridesmaids included Kristy Devine and Katie Swenson. Groomsmen included Robert Murray, Daniel Northrop, and Jason Schumacher. Lindsey recently earned her MSW from Loyola University Chicago. She is an adolescent counselor at a nonprofit organization, and Colin is a financial analyst at a nonprofit organization. The couple reside in Chicago.

2006

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Katherine Flaherty and Adam Florek were married on August 14 on Cape Cod. The bridal party included Cristina Conciatori and Kelly Winn, and Geraldine Hough, Linda Sabatello, Chris Tynski, Tom Broderick, Matt Bair, and Ryan Merrill also attended. • On July 25, Kelly Coughlin and Ernest Bourassa were married at St. Ignatius. The Mass was

celebrated by Fr. Neenan, H'08. The wedding party included Jay Harrington, Matt Venables, and Lizz (McAlpine) O'Rourke. • Jennifer Berg married Padraig O'Buachalla on August 8 in New Ulm, MN. Shannon McNamee and Caroline Whelan were bridesmaids; Chris Bentson, Jenna Commito, Nicole Iannuzzi, and Patrick Waickman also attended. The O'Buachallas honeymooned in Costa Rica before returning to their home in Dublin, Ireland. • Taylor Goodell married David Benedum on August 1 in South Berwick, ME. In attendance were Lauren Brennan, Natalie Caruso, Alana Mahoney, Elizabeth Weyman, Amanda Kearns, Jayshree Mahtani, Katie Kiefner, Katherine Poff, Drew Wiechnicki, Rebecca Madson MA'08, and Marisa Fusco Ackermann MA'07. Taylor works in the marketing department at Citizens Bank, while Dave works at Anixter/Pacer. The couple honeymooned on Nantucket and now live in Medway. • George Abdelsayed wed Linda Meier on July 26 in Redondo Beach, CA. In attendance were Jason Hsu, Kristen Gorham, Monica Santis, Mai-Linh Lai, Megan Lacerte, Mike Welch, Christine Crawford, Keith Murphy '07, Chris Tsichlis '05, Racquel Wells '07, and Winfield Scott Craig. The couple honeymooned in French Polynesia. Linda recently received her master's in clinical psychology from Pepperdine University and is now working with autistic children as a child developmental therapist. George is a third-year medical student at USC. • Michael "Alex" MacFarlane married Sarah Klein on August 29 in Tower Grove Park in St. Louis, where Sarah is a teacher, and Alex develops and markets personal electronics. • Matthew and Rebecca (Plate) Shineman were married in Charlottesville, VA, on August 16, 2008. Many BC alumni attended, including groomsmen Nicholas Todisco and best man David Biele, JD'09. The reception had a special BC connection, as Rebecca enlisted members of Matt's a cappella group, The Bostonians, to sing that evening. • Tony DiMeo was promoted to senior associate at PricewaterhouseCoopers. • Tina Corea graduated from Columbia University's policy program and began work as policy advisor for the Brick City Development Corporation in Newark, NJ. • After three years with Bain & Company, Kevin Schohl took on a private equity associate position with Charlesbank Capital Partners.

2007

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Many from the Class of 2007 have experienced exciting developments since our departure from the Heights over two years ago. • Classmates Christine Ettman, MA'08, and Christopher Kenyon were married on February 21. • Alanna Wong Valdez recently earned her master's in ethics, peace, and global affairs from American University. She married fellow Eagle Edgar Valdez '04, MA'05, on May 30 at St. Ignatius Church. Frances Macias-Phillips; Erin Richling; Kevin Burke; Ethan Sullivan '94; Guy Melamed '05, MS'06; and Matthew Jacobson '05 were members of the bridal

party. Alanna and Edgar moved back to Boston and are living in Waltham. Alanna is currently working at BC's Church in the 21st Century Center. She's happy to be back home and hopes to hear from anyone in the area at Alannavaldez.1@gmail.com. • Amanda Grazioli recently took on a new position as development and alumni relations officer at the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan, and is working toward an MA in arts administration in the evenings. • Molly Dane married Trey Skinner (Davidson College '07) on July 18. They met while volunteering with Jesuit Volunteers International in Belize. In attendance were Heather Ferron, Jon Bowen, and Katie West, as well as BC Women's Soccer coach Alison Kulik and Steven Koo of the Admissions Office. • John Walsh, Schuyler Fabian, and Alexander Theissen competed in ESPN's SFTC competition in July. None made the final leaderboard, but they enjoyed themselves nonetheless. • Melissa Catarra completed the BA/MA program at BC in 2008. She is now teaching high-school history at Beaver Country Day School in Chestnut Hill. • Edward Shim and Kelsey Dippold will be finishing up their two years of service with the Peace Corps in Bulgaria; Edward was a community and organizational development consultant with a local initiative group in Varshets, and Kelsey worked with the Association for Youth Initiatives and Tolerance as a youth development worker. They arrived in Bulgaria in August 2007 and were scheduled to leave this October—taking with them a love of the people and traditions of Bulgaria.

2008

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Hi there, Class of 2008! Our classmates have been busy since we set off from the Heights a year ago! • Patrick Ryan has spent the past year in New York performing in *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*; *On the Town*; *Grey Gardens*; and *Kiss Me, Kate*. He is living in New York with his former BC roommates Curly Glynn, Greg O'Kane, and Jeff Vincent. • Amanda Buescher spent the past year serving in the Peace Corps in Kankossa, Mauritania. She worked on girls' empowerment and education, which included setting up a new mentoring center with computer classes and academic guidance for the 64 girls in the village. This year, Amanda will be working as a gender and development/AIDS coordinator in Conakry, Guinea. • Paige Nichols returned to her junior year study abroad destination, Buenos Aires, and has since been working with Road2Argentina, which offers immersion programs for international students in Argentina. • Steve Casey was recently promoted to senior agent at International Creative Management in Los Angeles. • In the fall, Elizabeth Riley started her JD at Northeastern University after having spent the past year working for

Melmark New England. • **Kevin Boland** is working in Washington DC as a communications staff assistant to U.S. House minority leader John Boehner. • As always, keep the news coming, and have a very happy Thanksgiving, Christmas, and new year!

2009

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Following graduation, **Malcolm Ohl**, **Brian Harper**, **Maggie Snider**, **Elle Jean-Bart**, and **La'Tise Higgins** were commissioned into the Army as 2nd lieutenants. **Daniel Lee** joined the Marine Corps. • Returning to BC this fall for master's degrees were **Laura Harvey**, in special needs education; **Jacqueline Cerniglia**, in higher education administration; and **Nick Lellenberg**, in modern European history. Also pursuing higher education are **Christina Murphy** at UC Santa Barbara; **Kari Farwell** at Pepperdine; **Meaghan McKasy** at the University of Utah (environmental humanities); **Katie Cloutier** at Columbia; **Marisa Ross** at Notre Dame; **Kate Cahill** at SUNY Stony Brook (physical therapy); and **Christina Carney** at SUNY Downstate in Brooklyn (occupational therapy). • **Josh Darr** is beginning a PhD program in political science at UPenn. • **Nicholas Grasso** is teaching middle-school English at St. Michael School in Fall River and taking graduate classes at Providence College. • Attending dental school are **Catherine Vargas** at SUNY Buffalo and **Patrick Townsend** at Midwestern in Arizona. **Rachel Zang** is attending medical school at Loyola Chicago. • Starting law school are **Tim Bates** at St. John's, **Pat Byrnes** and **Nicole Welch** at Brooklyn Law, **Carrie Jantsch** at Loyola Chicago, **Michael Miller** at Columbia, **Angela Hrusovsky** and **Dan Calanca** at Villanova, **Andy Lock** at Duke, **Andrew Doyle** at Notre Dame, **Libby O'Toole** and **Jason Chimon** at Georgetown, **Maddy Rodriguez** at UVA, and **Sarah Herman** at Fordham. • Special congratulations to **Bryce Rudow** and **Patrick Gardner** on becoming recent co-homeowners of a loft in the Boystown district of Chicago. • Eagles going abroad include **Trevor Stuart**, working as an analyst for Morgan Stanley in London; **Ana Perez**, moving to Florence to work and to learn Italian; **Carly DeFilippo**, going to Columbia Graduate School's Reid Hall campus in Paris; **Kirsten Larsson Butler**, studying international business and trade at Gothenburg University in Sweden; **Amanda Stellato**, studying global governance and diplomacy at Oxford University; and **Laura Tallent**, studying French language and civilization at NYU in Paris. Also, Fulbright scholars **Michael McGovern**, **Dan Neer**, and **Alex Prounis** will be in Germany. • **Megan Berardi** is in the Jesuit Volunteer Corps in Milwaukee, and **Meghan Butler** is in the JVC in San Antonio. • Serving in Teach For America are **Andrew Bensson** in New Haven, CT; **Christina Scarlatos** in Boston;

Lauren Gillooly in the Mississippi Delta; **Annie Filer** in Hollendale, MS; and **Amy Schreiber** in Chicago.

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In September, **Patricia Hillman**, MBA'79, a founding member of the Council for Women of Boston College, chaired an event at the McMullen Museum of Art featuring the exhibit "First Hand: Civil War Drawings from the Becker Collection." Pat is also the council's Carroll School of Management liaison. • **Stephen Bergmann**, MBA'86, has joined Expense Reduction Analysts as regional director of consulting. Stephen has also held elected office in Framingham. • In July, **Dan L. Dearen**, MBA'89, was appointed CFO of Minnow Medical Inc., a developer of innovative products to treat artery disease. • In July, **Steven Schauer**, MBA'90, was promoted to SVP, finance, and treasurer of Newton-based First Wind, an independent wind power company. • **Eric Szabo**, MS'01, has been named managing director and chief risk officer at Annaly Capital Management Inc. • **Andrés Lessing**, MBA'08, and **Lindsay Rosenfeld** were married on June 28 in Chicago. **Jeffrey Turney**, MBA'08, was there to celebrate. **Andrés** and **Lindsey** reside in Boston. • CDM, a consulting, engineering, construction, and operations firm, has named **Timothy Wall**, MBA'03, president of its Federal Services Group. Tim holds an MS in environmental engineering from Tufts University and a BS in civil engineering technology from Wentworth Institute of Technology.

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Julinna Oxley, MA'98, has been appointed director of the Women's and Gender Studies Program at Coastal Carolina University. She holds a PhD in philosophy from Tulane University. • **Robert C. Clewis**, PhD'04, is an assistant professor of philosophy at Gwynedd-Mercy College in Gwynedd Valley, PA. In April, his book on Immanuel Kant, *The Kantian Sublime and the Revelation of Freedom*, was published by Cambridge University Press. View his Website at www.robert-clewis.com.

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In June, the Brockton School Committee named **Matthew H. Malone**, MEd'95, PhD'02, to head the Brockton schools. Matthew, a former Marine sergeant, had previously served as head of the Swampscott School District. • In June, **Kathi Aldridge**, MEd'00, assumed the role of principal at Wellesley's St. John School, where she had served for 24 years as a teacher. • Earlier this year, **Mary Brown**, DEd'09, became principal of the Baker School in Brookline.

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Neal Aronson '94 was at the spring reunion. Neal, who has started small companies in the past, hopes to reenter his career in archival storage management software technologies. He has been able to donate free software to great causes such as cancer research at BU Medical School, the Pittsburgh Cancer Institute, and Arizona State University. Neal lives in Newton Centre. Good luck, Neal, in all your future career endeavors. • On June 30, I retired from the Massachusetts Court system. I am grateful that I was able to be of service to many wonderful judges, court personnel, and clients. • Please note my new e-mail address I'd love to hear from more of you!

OBITUARIES

1930S

John J. Burns '38, MA'48, of Saugus on September 14, 2009.

Albert C. Flahive '37, of Derry, NH, on September 16, 2009.

Edward L. McGrath '32 of Jacksonville, FL, on August 8, 2009.

John J. O'Brien '39, JD'55, of Hampstead, NH, on July 13, 2009.

1940S

Larry Azar '49, MA'50, of New Rochelle, NY, on September 24, 2007.

David A. Brissette '49 of Melrose on July 26, 2009.

Robert T. Capeless, JD'41, of Pittsfield on December 27, 2008.

Rose Mahoney Cassidy, MSW'49, of Winston-Salem, NC, on June 27, 2009.

Robert J. Collins '41 of Needham on August 27, 2009.

Dennis M. Condon '45 of Waltham on July 13, 2009.

William J. Daly '44 of Concord on September 1, 2009.

Joseph K. Dee '44 of Watertown on November 25, 2008.

William F. Degan '47 of South Boston on August 7, 2009.

Francis W. Doherty '44 of Biddeford, ME, on August 30, 2009.

Karl R. Fassnacht '49 of Walpole on August 4, 2009.

James M. Gibbons '45, MEd'55, of Scituate on August 21, 2009.

John F. Grady '43 of Virginia Beach, VA, on September 14, 2009.

Lawrence J. Griffin '49 of Old Town, ME, on September 28, 2009.

Gerard P. Hagerty '49 of Danvers on August 3, 2009.

William P. Hannon Jr. '41 of Westborough on August 13, 2009.

John M. Harrington, MSW'46, of Pearl River, NY, on August 22, 2009.

Daniel J. Hobart '48 of Salem on February 13, 2007.

James F. Kiley '47 of Needham on September 6, 2009.

James J. Lannon '44 of Dedham, formerly of Needham, on July 5, 2009.

Victor R. Leeber, SJ, '43, MA'47, STL'54, of Weston on August 14, 2009.

John J. McGarr '43 of Beverly on August 23, 2009.

Thomas P. McGrath '48 of Plymouth on July 20, 2009.

Donald R. McMorro '45 of San Jose, formerly of Aptos, CA, on August 10, 2009.

James J. McNeil '43 of Concord on November 12, 2008.

Leo Quinlan, SJ, STL'46, of Weston on July 10, 2008.

James W. Reardon '40 of Milton on September 27, 2009.

Arthur M. Reilly, JD'47, of Palos Verdes, CA, on August 26, 2009.

Charles K. Rush, JD'48, of Kansas City, MO, on September 18, 2009.

Martin Ryan, SJ, STB'49, of Weston on February 22, 2009.

Seymour Yesner '48 of Brookline on July 6, 2009.

1950S

Joseph F. Ahearn '53 of Belmont on August 7, 2009.

James J. Baggett '52, MSW'55, of Williamsport, PA, on July 6, 2009.

Matthew I. Boyle '53 of Topsfield on August 24, 2009.

Joan T. Callahan '54 of Malden on December 8, 2008.

John E. Canniff Jr. '54 of Granby on August 29, 2009.

Thomas J. Caprarella '52 of Dedham on September 20, 2009.

Joseph V. Christopher '50 of Belmont on September 16, 2009.

Ruth Marie Connors '54, MEd'55, of Marblehead on August 10, 2009.

James W. Conway '58 of Charlestown on August 29, 2009.

Francis J. Cranston, JD'56, of North Falmouth on September 11, 2009.

John T. Deeley '56 of Manchester, NH, on July 7, 2009.

Joseph F. Devan, Esq., JD'51, of Sarasota, FL, on August 5, 2009.

Rose T. Doherty '55 of Brockton on August 20, 2009.

Bernard M. Doiron '56 of Falmouth on September 23, 2009.

Loretta M. Doyle '53 of Rye, NH, on July 5, 2009.

William Doyle, SJ, STB'54, of Weston on May 18, 2007.

Edward D. Duffy '50 of Taunton on September 11, 2009.

John C. Farley '59 of Winthrop on December 27, 2008.

Ralph M. Ferrera '57 of Wellesley on August 23, 2009.

Robert J. Filippone '55 of Tewksbury on September 16, 2009.

Regina M. Howe Gailus NC'50 of Chicago, IL, on March 24, 2008.

Thomas J. Gallagher, MA'59, of Santa Rosa Beach, FL, on April 7, 2009.

Mercedes Gill, CSJ, MA'50, of Brighton on July 16, 2009.

Ira Goldstein '51 of Apopka, FL, on December 23, 2008.

Janice M. Goodale, SPVM, '58, MEd'63, of Leominster on August 13, 2009.

Gaetano C. Grande, MEd'54, of Reading on December 30, 2008.

Jean P. Grenon '52, of Mashpee on September 9, 2009.

John J. Harrington '53 of York, ME, on July 5, 2009.

Maurice E. Hart '53 of Cohasset on July 12, 2009.

Francis J. Hayes '53 of Braintree on June 25, 2009.

John F. Herlihy '53 of Winchester on September 1, 2009.

Edward G. Hudson Sr. '55, MBA'70, of Dorchester on August 30, 2009.

George R. Humphrey '50 of Burlington, CT, on August 22, 2009.

Robert T. King '54 of Andover on August 9, 2009.

Boleslaus J. Kulik '51 of Roslindale on September 15, 2009.

Kevin Lane '54 of Falmouth on August 12, 2009.

James M. Larnier '52 of Dorchester on August 24, 2009.

Darald R. Libby, JD'55, of Manchester, NH, on June 23, 2009.

Philip F. Mackey Jr. '51 of Falmouth on April 7, 2009.

Stephanie MacNeil, CSM, MSW'58, of Sydney Mines, Nova Scotia, on June 10, 2009.

Lawrence J. Maroni '51 of Sudbury on June 25, 2009.

Richard F. Mayo '52 of Salisbury on July 20, 2009.

Barbara McCormick Grace '59 of West Hartford, CT, on August 20, 2009.

Walter M. McDonough '52 of Centerville on August 18, 2009.

John J. McEleney '59 of Harwich on September 9, 2009.

Richard J. McGuiggan '55 of Bridgewater on July 16, 2009.

Joseph P. McKenney '52 of East Dennis on June 30, 2009.

Richard M. McSweeney '54 of Sarasota, FL, on September 15, 2009.

John F. Monahan, JD'56, of East Harwich on September 3, 2009.

Richard T. Moore '53 of Haddonfield, NJ, on May 28, 2009.

Francis X. Morrison '51 of Lynn on July 19, 2009.

Norah C. Mulcahy '57 of Providence, RI, on August 20, 2009.

Henry Murphy, SJ, STL'58, of Weston on June 21, 2008.

Richard T. Murphy '50 of Concord on August 31, 2009.

Paul J. Noonan '58 of Sandwich on August 15, 2009.

John J. O'Connor Jr. '54 of Newton on August 18, 2009.

Paul P. Pederzani Jr., JD'52, of North Kingston, RI, on August 19, 2009.

Edward A. Petela '51 of Branford, CT, on May 12, 2009.

Mary D. Riley '56, MEd'62, of Providence, RI, on July 11, 2009.

Charles A. Rivers, JD'50, of Wayne, PA, on September 13, 2009.

Paul D. Roche '52 of Mansfield on July 23, 2009.

Michael R. Roman '53, PHL'54, of Milford, CT, on September 17, 2009.

James J. Rowe '50 of Sodus, NY, on June 5, 2009.

Richard A. Schena '50, MEd'55, of Haverhill on September 18, 2009.

Irene Nmi Shepardson '51 of Marshfield on September 29, 2009.

Donald N. Sleeper, JD'56, of Burlington on July 17, 2009.

Alfred J. Songin '50 of West Newton on September 23, 2009.

Rita Sherry Steadman '57, MS'60, of Danvers on July 22, 2009.

Frank R. Sullivan '53 of Reading on December 2, 2008.

Gerald F. Sullivan '51 of Skowhegan, ME, on August 19, 2009.

Margaret M. Sullivan '51, MSW'58, of Needham on August 9, 2009.

Donald K. Sweeney '54 of Hanson on July 15, 2009.

Thomas V. Tobin, MS'53, of Mountain Top, PA, on August 5, 2009.

Arthur P. Tourangeau '53 of Parkville, MD, on August 17, 2009.

John A. Tuttle '51 of Brookfield on July 19, 2009.

Francis J. Veale, MEd'50, of Brockton on August 19, 2009.

Joseph C. Veckerelli, MS'58, of Clinton, CT, on August 22, 2009.

Frances Mannix Ziminsky NC'53 of Pound Ridge, NY, on September 21, 2009.

1960s

John F. Barrett '60 of North Kingstown, RI, on July 7, 2009.

Peter F. Bowen, MEd'61, of Foster, RI, on March 9, 2008.

Ambrose R. Canty, MSW'64, of Southbridge on August 30, 2009.

Philip J. Casey '65 of Needham on July 24, 2009.

Austin L. Conley, MA'63, of Manchester, NH, on July 2, 2009.

Daniel D. Connell '63, JD'67, of Westford on July 11, 2009.

Joseph R. Cuniff '65 of Wolfeboro, NH, on August 4, 2009.

George E. DeAngelis '64 of Norfolk, VA, on July 31, 2009.

Else Steele Diotte, MSW'66, of North Attleboro on September 13, 2009.

Lucille Doherty '67 of Canton on September 4, 2009.

Thomas W. Dow '61 of Key West, FL, on June 24, 2009.

Patricia Ann Eagan '60 of Presque Isle, ME, on March 20, 2009.

John Forde '66 of Sudbury on September 17, 2009.

Russell J. Gamel '65 of Brockton on September 3, 2009.

William J. Giuffre '65, JD'69, of Baltimore, MD, on September 9, 2009.

Samuel C. Gowan, MA'66, of Gainesville, FL, on May 5, 2009.

Daniel C. Hostetter '66 of Oster-ville on September 7, 2009.

Michael P. Hunt '64 of Rocky Point, NY, on September 19, 2009.

Mary Godfrey Koehler, SMSM, NC'60 of Waltham on December 12, 2007.

George A. Lavoie '69 of Fall River on August 10, 2009.

Nicholas J. Lisi, JD'65, of Wayne, PA, on July 11, 2009.

Joseph P. Mariani Jr. '67 of Rockville, MD, on April 5, 2009.

Robert F. McGinn Jr. '67 of Cum-berland, RI, on July 12, 2009.

Ernest S. Melanson '66 of Worcester on August 13, 2009.

Francis Miller, SJ, STL'60, of Weston on November 25, 2008.

Edward J. Murawski, SJ, MA'61, STL'67, of Weston on July 3, 2009.

Eugenia McCarthy O'Brien '62 of Amherst on October 22, 2008.

Marion H. Baker O'Donnell '69 of Leominster on December 26, 2008.

William T. O'Malley '65 of Kingston, RI, on January 2, 2009.

Charles A. Robinson '60 of Ocala, FL, on June 18, 2009.

John V. Rotondo '65 of Stoughton on August 30, 2009.

Annette M. Sexton, MEd'64, of Dedham on July 5, 2009.

Helen Thomasina Sheehan, SND, MA'63, of Ipswich on July 1, 2009.

James S. Tingerthal, OSB, MA'69, of Collegeville, MN, on July 4, 2009.

Peter J. Trainor, MSW'67, of Leominster on September 6, 2009.

James F. Walsh Jr. '61, PhD'76, of Canton on September 16, 2009.

Helen C. Wasilewski, MEd'67, of Jupiter, FL, on October 21, 2008.

Maureen O'Toole Welch '66 of Melrose on September 24, 2009.

1970s

Mark B. Alba '77 of Boynton Beach, FL, on June 26, 2009.

Edward Allan Bennett, MA'78, of Andover on August 10, 2009.

Edward V. Bush, MBA'78, of South Dennis on August 8, 2009.

Lawrence Ford Cantwell, MBA'74, of Pembroke on August 18, 2009.

Elizabeth Doyle, MEd'73, of Waltham on March 3, 2009.

Richard P. Finn, PhD'70, of Melrose on September 2, 2009.

John J. Glennon III '71 of Con-cord, NH, on August 31, 2009.

Mary Jane Gorman, MEd'76, of Lynchburg, VA, on September 14, 2009.

Gerald J. Grady '79 of Natick on August 26, 2009.

Jeffrey H. Grayson, MBA'73, of Orlando, FL, on September 1, 2009.

Sarah Dickson Hartshorne, MA'78, of South Deerfield on September 6, 2009.

Kathryn Ann Heffernan '74 of Townsend on August 5, 2009.

Cynthia Mark Lee, MA'74, of Franklin, NJ, on June 18, 2009.

Thomas F. McQuoid, JD'75, of Stow on September 4, 2009.

Margaret Lawler Olson '71 of Bridgewater on September 1, 2009.

William H. Petry II, MA'71, of Lansing, MI, on August 25, 2009.

Martin R. Prendergast Jr. '73 of Waltham on September 5, 2009.

Karen Born Presswood, MEd'76, of Crownsville, MD, on August 20, 2009.

Elizabeth Fancy Redfield, MEd'75, of Natick on August 1, 2009.

Richard T. Schnaidt '70 of Oakdale, CT, on June 25, 2009.

Charles C. Shoup '77 of Cleveland Heights, OH, on September 23, 2009.

John K. Snyder '70 of Shrewsbury on July 20, 2009.

Robert J. Sullivan '71 of Boston on September 5, 2009.

Carol Shepard Tucker, MSW'73, of Exeter, NH, on June 30, 2009.

1980s

Justin Bailey, OFM, MA/DT'82, of St. Petersburg, FL, formerly of Boston, on July 4, 2009.

William F. Bench III '83 of Wind-ham, NH, on August 9, 2009.

Carolyn Ditullio, MA'83, of Warwick, RI, on August 3, 2009.

Russell Gannon '82 of Needham on August 8, 2009.

Maryellen Kernen, MSW'88, of Scituate on September 11, 2009.

David E. MacClymont '82 of Scotch Plains, NJ, on March 20, 2008.

Patrick J. McManus, JD'85, of Lynn on July 10, 2009.

Lynne F. Wing '84 of Ellington, CT, on July 29, 2009.

1990s

Joseph P. Cleary '92 of Westwood, formerly of Marlborough, on July 30, 2009.

R. Christopher Harris, JD'97, of Orlando, FL, on September 14, 2008.

Christopher M. Kiernan, DEd'91, of Newport, RI, on August 10, 2009.

Gretchen L. S. Landry, MS'93, of Clermont, FL, on July 3, 2009.

William A. McCarthy Jr. '94 of West Newton on September 15, 2009.

Paul P. Poth '91 of Cambridge on August 22, 2009.

Jeffrey B. White '99 of Newtown, CT, on June 29, 2009.

2000s

Andrew C. Marsh '04 of Portland, ME, on August 4, 2009.

Joseph W. Newsome III '03 of Portland, ME, on September 8, 2009.

FACULTY AND STAFF DEATHS

- George Goldsmith, of Sherborn, professor of physics from 1968 to 2008, on September 7, 2009, at age 86. He is survived by his wife Sonia, son Robert, and daughters Lynn and Laurie.
- Richard T. Murphy, of Concord, professor of philosophy from 1962 to 1996, on August 13, 2009, at age 83. He is survived by his wife A. Jane Murphy.
- Seymour Leventman, of Newton, professor of sociology from 1968 to 2003, on April 26, 2009, at age 78. He is survived by his wife Paula, daughter Rachel Leventman Shwalb, and son Aaron.
- Richard Cleary, SJ, of Weston, University chaplain from 1989 to 2000, on October 7, 2009, at age 77. He is survived by his brother Herbert Cleary, SJ.
- James Walsh, of Canton, adjunct professor in the Lynch School of Education from 1998 to 2008, on September 16, 2009, at age 69. He is survived by his wife, Barbara, and daughters Courtney and Kerry Mudry.
- Janet Bezanson, of Meredith, NH, associate research professor in the Graduate School of Social Work from 2002 to 2008, on July 25, 2009, at age 66. She is survived by her husband Gordon, daughter Brett Martin, and son Brian Fons.

The obituary section is compiled from national listings and notices from family members and friends of alumni. The section includes only the deaths reported to us since the previous issue of Boston College Magazine. Please send information to: Office of University Advancement, More Hall 220, 140 Commonwealth Ave., Chestnut Hill, MA 02467.

LIGHT·the·WORLD

150TH ANNIVERSARY CAMPAIGN

WRITING THE NEXT CHAPTER

THE KEY ROLE OF LEGACY GIVING

Joseph Coolidge Shaw, S.J., surely believed that the institution he helped found had the potential for greatness. When he established a bequest of his books and the proceeds of his life insurance policy, Fr. Shaw undoubtedly knew he was making a meaningful commitment—one that would benefit generations of future students.

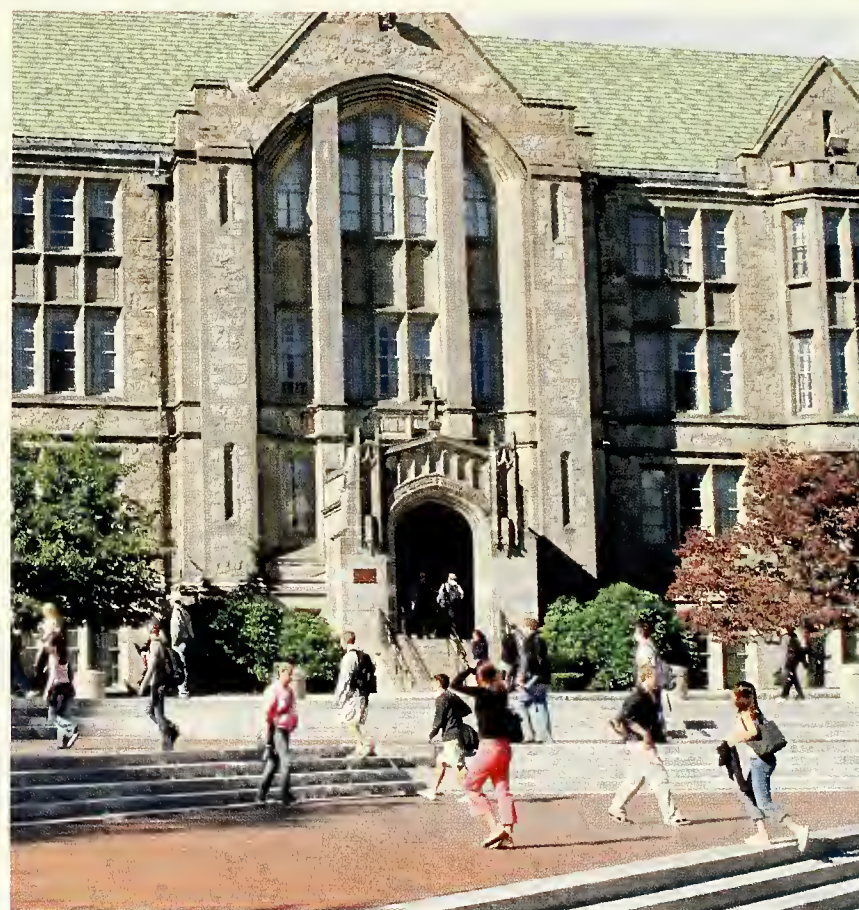
His legacy gift sparked a giving tradition that made possible BC's transformation from a small school in Boston's South End to a dynamic university with global reach and ambitions.

Today's legacy gifts will have an equally profound effect on the Heights. As part of the *Light the World* campaign, they will help BC achieve its aim to become the world's preeminent Catholic university—with an ability to positively contribute to culture and society in a manner that few American schools can match.

The campaign goal is to secure 5,000 legacy gifts—both sizeable and modest—for BC. These commitments may supplement the University's current-use funding or establish endowed funds that will provide BC with a steady financial resource in perpetuity. Both play a crucial role in Boston College's future success, because they provide BC with the fiscal strength and security to achieve its long-term goals.

"These gifts are also a wonderful opportunity for alumni, parents, and friends to leave their own legacy at BC," says Debra Hoffman '79, MBA'88, who recently created a bequest for the University. "Making my gift was easier than I thought, and it enabled me to establish a significant and permanent connection to BC."

Through legacy gifts of all sizes, donors have contributed



Legacy gifts of all sizes are integral to the University's future success and help provide tomorrow's students with a Boston College experience that has been valued for generations.

to life-changing student formation programming; strengthened faculty teaching and research; funded campus building projects; and enhanced BC's commitment to its Jesuit, Catholic heritage.

In addition, hundreds of BC students have benefited from the more than \$5.6 million in legacy gifts given towards scholarships over the past 10 years.

Bequests are the most popular type of legacy gift, while beneficiary designations of a retirement plan or life insurance policy provide equally simple ways that many alumni, especially younger graduates, can make a commitment to BC's future. In many cases, these gifts enable alumni to

give the gift they've always wished to make—because their donation doesn't affect their current assets, but instead comes through their estate.

Other choices, such as charitable gift annuities and charitable remainder trusts, are appealing because they offer substantial tax benefits and provide a lifetime income stream.

"Establishing a legacy gift for BC was one of the wisest philanthropic decisions my wife and I ever made," says David Griffith '68, P'00, '02, '06, legacy gifts chair. "It enabled us to look after both our family and BC, which, in so many ways, is part of our family. Our gift will ensure that our life's work will live on in Boston College."

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A GOOD YEAR

EARLY CAMPAIGN SUCCESSES PROVIDE IMMEDIATE IMPACT

The *Light the World* campaign has achieved many immediate and far-reaching successes during its first year thanks to the ongoing commitment of the University's alumni, parents, and friends.

Boston College has currently raised more than \$610 million of its \$1.5-billion goal, and early donor support has enabled BC to focus on priorities critical to its continued success.

Campaign donors have, for instance, helped BC increase student financial aid by 7.4 percent this year. The new Center for Student Formation was also made possible by *Light the World* and will strengthen

programming that integrates students' intellectual, social, and moral development.

The campaign has significantly enhanced BC's commitment to academic excellence as well. Three new enterprises—the Institute for Liberal Arts, the Clough Center for the Study of Constitutional Democracy, and the Institute on Aging—have all promoted interdisciplinary dialogue and united students and professors in joint scholarly pursuits.

"The campaign provides all alumni with an opportunity to help Boston College fulfill its potential," says campaign

co-chair Kathleen McGillicuddy, NC'71. "Those who give their time and talent back to the University play a key role, as do alumni who make gifts of all sizes. What truly matters are the combined strengths of the BC community."

This collective spirit has led to early progress in the campaign's annual giving initiative. A record-breaking 26,346 undergraduate alumni gave to the University this past year—raising BC's participation rate to 28 percent. These donors provided vital annual support for financial aid, student activities, faculty research, and much more. Their commitment also helped BC fulfill the Neenan Challenge, which raised an additional \$1 million in financial

aid, and will inspire others to meet the overall campaign goal of 40,000 annual donors.

The number of alumni who volunteer on behalf of BC has also risen by a remarkable 25 percent since the start of the campaign. As a result, more BC students are being mentored by alumni than ever before and more alumni are helping fellow graduates reconnect to their alma mater through alumni chapters, shared interest groups, and other opportunities.

"BC alumni should feel proud of the strides made during the first year of the campaign," says McGillicuddy. "But continued support is needed for *Light the World's* transformative vision to be realized."

ILLUMINATIONS

Philip '91 and Colleen Groves '91

CURRENT RESIDENCE

Hong Kong

UNDERGRADUATE MAJOR

Philip: Accounting and economics; Colleen: Finance

OCCUPATION

Philip and Colleen: Founders, international investment management firm

FAVORITE BC ACTIVITY

Philip: Intramural sports; Colleen: Attending BC football, basketball, and hockey games

What are some of your favorite Boston College memories?

Our senior year was special for both of us. We met on a blind date to a BC dance in December and the rest, as they say, is history. But besides finding each other, we established many lifelong friendships here. It's those relationships, which grew over four instrumental years in our lives, that still keep us connected to BC today.

Why did you decide to make a legacy gift to BC?

It was something that we always knew we would do. We give annually, but we also felt the need to help guarantee that future students enjoy the same formative BC experience that we hold so dear.

We wrote our first wills about 12 years ago after the birth of the first of our three children and included a bequest for BC. There are



DAVID R. BARNES

many ways to make a legacy gift—and this was the best way for us. It was part of the important planning we wanted to do for our family, but it also enabled us to leave a lasting mark at the University that means so much to us.

What most excites you about the University's future?

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DEAL BREAKERS

By William Bole

The demise of a colonial experiment

In the spring of 1701, a delegation of 40 Indians from Pennsylvania's Susquehanna Valley rode eastward to Philadelphia, to undertake a singular experiment in tranquillity. They and William Penn, founder of the eponymous colony, signed a treaty declaring that Christians and Indians would "for ever hereafter be as one head & one heart, & live in true Friendship and Amity as one People."

For more than five decades, natives and settlers coexisted without carnage. The Conestoga Indians, who led the delegation to Philadelphia and numbered several hundred at that time, cherished the treaty. They carried it with them to later conferences that renewed the original covenant. On December 4, 1763, however—in a symbolic end to Penn's experiment—the treaty was found "among the charred remains of Conestoga Indiantown" after the village was razed by a band of white settlers.

The description is Kevin Kenny's. The Boston College history professor has written a new book, *Peaceable Kingdom Lost: The Paxton Boys and the Destruction of William Penn's Holy Experiment* (Oxford University Press, 2009), about the Quaker-inspired vision of peace that Penn pursued in founding Pennsylvania in 1682.

As Kenny relates, the experiment was flawed from the start. Penn was, after all, a colonialist who coveted Indian land. Being a Quaker and lacking an army that might take land by force, he instead purchased it from the Indians. But after his death in 1718, Penn's three sons, abandoning the Quaker faith, took over and, increasingly, used fraud and deception to grab Indian lands, turning a blind eye to others who did the same. Settlers—Dutch, German, Irish, and a small number of Quakers—pushed ever westward, provoking the Indian tribes.

Central to Kenny's investigation is a group of colonists largely overlooked in written histories of that period, the hundred-strong militia called the Paxton Boys, who, in the Indiantown raid, massacred the last Conestoga Indians, by then a dwindling tribe of 20.

In his previous research on popular protest movements, notably the 19th-century "Molly Maguires" of Pennsylvania's coalfields, Kenny had to contend with the fact that such movements tend not to leave paper trails, an obstacle to any historian. With

the Paxton Boys that was not the case, because, unlike the Molly Maguires, they were Protestants (Scotch-Irish Presbyterians) and therefore imbued with a strong tradition of literacy. As Kenny explained in an interview, "You had to be able to read the Bible to be a good Protestant." In addition, protest movements in the 18th century enjoyed greater legitimacy than later resisters, and thus were less secretive about their actions; in reaching further back in time, Kenny found more rather than fewer original sources. These included letters, pamphlets, and the minutes of legislative debates in Pennsylvania, some of which he accessed through the O'Neill Library's electronic databases, such as the Evans

Collection of Early American Imprints at the Antiquarian Society.

Among other findings, Kenny uncovered evidence that upends the traditional perception of the Paxton Boys (named after their local Presbyterian church) as vigilantes. In post-massacre debates in the colonial legislature, as well as the writings of both pro- and anti-Paxton pamphleteers, Kenny found that the colonial government had recruited the militia to defend settlers against hostile Indians—the Iroquois and the Delaware—in the lower Susquehanna Valley, though not with the intention of murdering friendly ones like the Conestogas (the Paxtons, however, made no such distinction). In Kenny's account, this explains one mystery: why the Paxtons were not brought to justice.

Kenny also set himself the task of uncovering the Native Americans' side of the story. "We never encounter the Indians speaking in their own voices," he says, noting that the historical record includes speeches delivered by Indians at peace parleys but that these were translations made on the spot, written down by scribes, and finally published by the state of Pennsylvania in the mid-19th century. In other words, they were third- or fourth-hand sources.

Kenny found some translations more persuasive than others—those that conveyed Indian views of land ownership, for example, and challenged the Western, individualistic understanding. The Indians spoke of land as being commonly held; only its use could be sold. That, says Kenny, explains why the Penn family often repurchased land from Indians, illuminating one more thread of Penn's "holy experiment" that ultimately unraveled.





Rizzuto and writers in the choir loft of Old North Church in the North End

Time saver

By Karen Dempsey

Memory collector Alexis Rizzuto '92

If editors are midwives for writers, then Alexis Rizzuto has attended some unlikely deliveries. Rizzuto is project manager for the Memoir Project, a four-year-old joint effort by the City of Boston and Grub Street, a nonprofit writers center, to chronicle the city's past through the words of its elders. What distinguishes the Memoir Project from other documentary efforts is that the seniors do the writing, rather than talking into a tape recorder for a historian.

Rizzuto began working with the Memoir Project in fall 2006 as head writing coach. Her authors, a group of North End neighbors, many over 80, met weekly for eight sessions—the first four, with another Grub Street instructor, devoted to writing in notebooks on themes such as “My mother never . . .,” the last four to editing and revision with Rizzuto, who is also an editor at Beacon Press. The project moved from neighborhood to neighborhood, with Rizzuto helping the authors “narrow all their exercises to one good story . . . and make it come alive,” she says. Most had little or no writing experience, and she taught them “the elements of storytelling . . . of giving a story shape by moving from beginning to middle to end and adding sensory details.” As essays accumulated, Rizzuto edited two antholo-

gies, *Born Before Plastic* (2007) and *My Legacy Is Simply This* (2008), with tales such as that of Roxbury's first woman barber, who overcame the skepticism of the neighborhood's men by first proving her skills with a clientele of little boys; and of a teenage girl watching a film at Arlington's Regent Theatre when the screen went dark and a stranger announced that Pearl Harbor, where her father was stationed, had been attacked.

The child of a mobile military family, Rizzuto admires what she calls the “profound sense of place” conveyed by people like Anna Molinaro, a contributor to the second volume, “who lived in the same house in East Boston for 95 years,” Rizzuto recalls, working the assembly line at the Necco candy factory in Cambridge and taking off nights to see vaudeville shows in Scollay Square.

Molinaro died before the anthology went to press. “When I heard she'd passed,” Rizzuto says, “I tried to contact her family. . . . And it turned out she had . . . no one. We have this small record of her voice. But what else is there about this woman's life we'll never know?”

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